

# **Advisory Committee on Biotechnology & 21st Century Agriculture (AC21) Meeting: August 30-31, 2011**

## **Plenary Meeting**

Rooms 104A and 107A, USDA Jamie L. Whitten Building, 12<sup>th</sup> St. and  
Jefferson Drive, Washington, DC 20250

## **Final Agenda**

### **Meeting Objectives:**

- Develop clear understanding of the AC21 scope, purpose, history, and operational process
- Discuss how to organize overall work and consider individual issues, and describe potential types of outcomes
- Determine most effective way of moving forward subsequent to the first meeting, including scheduling next plenary meeting

### **Day 1**

8:30—Coffee Available

9:00-9:15—Welcome and introductions of AC21 members

- Dr. Michael Schechtman, Designated Federal Official, USDA
- Mr. Russell Redding, Chairperson

9:15-9:45— Remarks from USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack plus Q & A

9:45- 10:00—Break

10:00-11:00—Brief remarks from committee members

11:00-11:15--Overview of Agenda and background materials and approach to discussions

11:15-12:00—History of AC21, bylaws and operating procedures, and discussion

- Michael Schechtman

12:00-1:30—Lunch (on your own)

1:30-2:00--Discussion of Ethical Requirements and Standards for AC21 Members

- Stuart Bender, Office of Ethics

2:00-3:00-- Preliminary discussion of committee purpose and charge and possible structures for committee work

3:00-3:15—Break

3:15-5:00—Introduction to public comment process and Public Comment

5:00—Adjourn for the Day

## **Day II**

8:30—Coffee available

9:00-9:15—Welcome and Reflections on Day I-- Chair

9:15-10:00--Existing programs that help facilitate coexistence

- Michael Schechtman

10:00-10:30—Remarks from USDA Deputy Secretary Merrigan plus Q & A

- Framing AC21 work in terms of the needs of different production sectors

10:30-10:45—Break

10:45-11:30-- Distribution of costs, risks, and returns in different agricultural production systems

- Dr. Catherine Greene and Dr. Jorge Fernandez, USDA Economic Research Service

11:30-12:15—Continued discussion of committee purpose and charge and possible structures for committee work

12:15-1:45--Lunch

1:45-3:15—Committee discussion on interaction of markets, consumer information, risk management tools and marketing thresholds

3:15- 3:30—Break

3:30-4:30—Looking Forward, Information-Sharing, and Planning Next Steps

4:30-4:45—Closing Remarks and Adjournment