# ****Advisory Committee on Biotechnology & 21st Century Agriculture (AC21) Meeting: August 27-28, 2012****

**Plenary Meeting**

Columbia Ballroom B

Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill

400 New Jersey Avenue NW Washington, DC  20001

**Provisional Agenda**

**Meeting Objective:**

* To complete all substantive work on a report to USDA addressing the charge to the AC21 from USDA Secretary Thomas Vilsack

**Day 1**

8:30—Coffee Available

9:00-9:45—Welcome and review of charge and agenda, and other updates

* Dr. Michael Schechtman, Designated Federal Official for AC21, USDA
* Mr. Russell Redding, Chairperson
* Mr. Rob Burk, Designated Federal Official for National Genetic Resources Advisory Council, USDA

9:45-10:45—Discussion of process for review of the draft report and for completion of the review process

10:45-11:00—Break

11:00-12:30—Discussion of recommendations and identification of alternative choices

12:30-1:45—Lunch (on your own)

1:45-3:00—Seeking consensus and/or new options to bridge gaps

3:05-3:15—Break

3:15-5:00—Public Comments

5:00—Adjourn for the Day

**Day II**

8:30—Coffee available

9:00-9:20—Welcome and Reflections on Day I—Chair

9:20-10:10—Continuing discussions on strengthening consensus on recommendations

10:10-10:30--Break

10:30-12:30—Discussion of report framing and text

12:30-1:45--Lunch

1:45-2:45—Continued discussion of any unresolved issues

2:45-3:15—Discussion of report title

3:00-3:30—Review of next steps, timelines and review process and future of committee activities

3:30-3:45—Closing Remarks and Adjournment