1. INPUT Requested on Algae Biomass
The U.S. Department of Energy is seeking input from industry, academia, and other biofuels stakeholders regarding supply systems and services for the production, handling, storage, transport and delivery of algae

Request for Information: DE-FOA-0000466 Algae Biomass Supply  Download Application

2. The 1st International Conference on Algal Biomass, Biofuels and Bioproducts
July 17-20, 2011 St. Louis MO
The 1st International Conference on Algal Biomass, Biofuels and Bioproducts provides a new level of direct interaction between the leaders in the scientific field, the strategic partners and the attending delegates. Emphasis will be placed on latest unpublished technical and scientific results, discussion and direct interactions with strategic partners and leaders in the field. The conference is designed to facilitate extended discussion periods with dedicated networking sessions. The conference will cover all areas of emerging technologies in algal biology, biomass production, cultivation, harvesting, extraction, bioproducts, and econometrics.

http://www.algalbbb.com/index.html

3. Basic Research to Enable Agricultural Development (BREAD) Program
NSF announces a Wiki to facilitate communication among potential international partners for new collaborative projects for the Basic Research to Enable Agricultural Development (BREAD) Program, which will be competed again in FY 2012. (In our workshops and seminars, we frequently discuss the importance of preparing in advance for funding opportunities and becoming part of the community of researchers and program officers around a particular opportunity or program. This is a great example of the kind of advance work that can give you the background knowledge to prepare a more competitive proposal.)

4. ARPA-E Energy Conference
Feb 28-March 2, 2011
http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts.cfm/pa_id=464 Join more than 1,800 energy leaders to explore how global energy challenges are directing research and investment priorities and driving American innovation. Space is filling up fast—

5. TTU-TTUHSC System Cancer Symposium
Cancer researchers from the Lubbock, El Paso, Abilene and Amarillo campuses will share their research and plan for the future at an annual cancer research symposium to be held and hosted by the TTUHSC in Amarillo from April 29-31, 2011. Nobel laureate Dr. Al Gilman will present the keynote address.

6. The National Science Board’s (NSB) Merit Review Task Force
The National Science Foundation's two merit review criteria (Intellectual Merit and Broader Impacts) are under review. The merit review process is at the heart of NSF's mission, and the merit review criteria form the critical base for that process. Moreover, in the recently enacted America COMPETES Reauthorization Act, the Broader Impacts Review Criterion was specifically mentioned.

The Task Force is now gathering input from a wide variety of stakeholder groups, and will be developing its report and recommendations during 2011.

To ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to provide input, NSF has established a web site through which you can submit your thoughts and ideas on several issues of interest to the Task Force (http://www.nsf.gov/funding/meritreviewform.cfm)
7. NSF Day Texas State University  
February 18 7:30 AM-4:30 PM  
Registration deadline Feb 11, 2011.  

8. National Science Foundation “NSF Day” workshop to be held in Albuquerque on March 17, 2011  

9. Homeland Security Awards  
Nominations for the 2011 Homeland Security Awards are now being accepted online only at:  
www.ccolumbusfoundationawards.org  
four $25,000 awards, one in each in the following fields: 1) Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Chemical and Explosive Attacks; 2) Border and Transportation Security; 3) Cyber Security and Information Sharing; and 4) Emergency Response to Natural and Man-Made Disasters. Please visit the website above for Competition Rules and Regulations. The Nomination deadline June 14, 2011

10. Life Sciences Christopher Columbus Foundation Award  
www.ccolumbusfoundationawards.org  
Deadline April 5, 2011

11. Agricultural Sciences Christopher Columbus Foundation Award  
www.ccolumbusfoundationawards.org  
Deadline TBD