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Joe Riley Elected to Iowa Biotechnology Association Board of Directors



Des Moines, IA, December 12, 2011 – Joe Riley, co-founder and general manager of FEC Solutions, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Iowa Biotechnology Association (IBA). The Iowa Biotechnology Association represents more than 100 members and works to unify Iowa's bioscience industry, academic research institutions and economic development organizations to establish a strong identity for the industry. IBA seeks to influence policies on both the state and federal level that enable more efficient growth for biotech-based businesses in Iowa.

"Our board members, from large, small and emerging companies, provide diverse perspectives in growing Iowa's biotech industry," said IBA Executive Director Rachel Hurley. "Co-founding a company that is creating and capturing value from co-products in both the ethanol and biodiesel industries, in addition to Joe's more than ten years in the renewable energy industry, were strong factors in his election to the board of directors.

Riley is an industry expert in marketing, technology, process improvement and R&D for corn oil from ethanol co-products. Riley will co-chair the IBA Membership Committee and will work to grow the Bioproducts Committee for the IBA. He is also an active member and contributor to the Co-Products Committee of the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association. Riley is a native of Des Moines and a graduate of the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Entrepreneurship.

FEC Solutions started in 2006 and has since been at the forefront of new market development and marketing of corn oil to capture value from dry mill ethanol plants throughout the upper Midwest. Today FEC Solutions has grown to provide process improvement, equipment sourcing and construction, technology development, scale-up, new product development and marketing of material for bioprocessing facilities including ethanol and biodiesel plants.

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