

# CAAFI Biennial General Meeting 2016

## R&D Team Breakout Session – Report Out

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# R&D Team: What we do

- \* **Identifying technology gaps**
  - \* Broad range of participants/experts
  - \* White Paper solicitation/review
- \* **Aligning research focus/funding for future fuel development**
  - \* Coordinating efforts with FAA, DOE, DOD, and OEMs to maximize impact
  - \* Ensuring availability of research findings
- \* **Developing Tools and communication frameworks**
  - \* Feedstock Readiness Level (FSRL)
  - \* Path to Fuel Readiness Guide
  - \* Fuel Readiness Level (FRL) Exit Criteria
  - \* Roadmap Tool
  - \* SOAP-Jet Webinar Series

# Breakout Breakout

- \* Sought input from participants on key R+D challenges/opportunities across the supply chain
- \* Sought input on how CAAFI R+D team can be effective in providing value
- \* Broke into two groups:
  - \* Conversion Technology and Cross-Cutting Analysis
  - \* Feedstocks and Supply Chain Logistics

# Findings – Conversion and Cross-Cutting

- \* Ten years in, 1<sup>st</sup> round of technology success.
  - \* What is the future? What's the NextGen?
- \* CAAFI to help community focus on outcomes, not processes.
  - \* Advocate programs/policies that are not prescriptive.
  - \* Help define challenging, but flexible outcomes– environmental and fuel performance
- \* CAAFI to promote evaluative tools to explore options/ conversion pathways.
  - \* More “physics-based” – process agnostic
  - \* Capable of prioritize prospects of different technologies and likelihood of producing jet fuel

# Findings – Conversion and Cross-Cutting

- \* CAAFI to continue to advocate SAJF supportive policies –  
“no such thing as a free market”
  - \* Policies guide types of research
  - \* Evaluative tools are needed to guide advocacy
  - \* Policies should not be locked into a certain type or process
  - \* Evaluative tools can help set outcome goals
  - \* Policies should be informed by ‘systems thinking’

# Findings – Feedstocks and Logistics

- \* CAAFI R&D Team to advocate supply chain adaptations for fuel
  - \* Food practices (high density commodities) don't necessarily fit energy feedstock practices (low density)
  - \* Feedstock consolidation processes
  - \* Scale out vs scale up / modularity
  - \* Coordinated supply chain management
- \* CAAFI to advocate continued feedstock identification
  - \* Initial efforts from USDA/universities require continued funding
  - \* Continued outreach to farmers
  - \* NextGen Feedstocks

# R+D Team – Additional Thoughts

- \* Expand CAAFI networking
  - \* CAAFI and the alt fuels community outreach
  - \* Use communication tools more effectively
    - \* CAAFI Communications Manager
    - \* Website – tools/resources
    - \* SOAP-Jet
    - \* Meetings
    - \* Social Media
    - \* Etc.
  - \* R&D start dialog with emerging companies/technologies



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