



As the global population continues to grow at a rapid pace, the United States must be at the forefront of innovation and leading the charge to meet the demand to feed the world. Iowa is uniquely positioned to lead this charge, and The Partnership is ready to meet those challenges through continued implementation of the Cultivation Corridor, a strategic convergence of world-class agribusiness, agbioscience, biotechnology, biorenewable and related advanced manufacturing thriving on the unique set of lifestyle, labor and environmental conditions found throughout Greater Des Moines (DSM). The Partnership's objective is to maintain the position of American business as a leader in biotechnology and to promote the potential applications of biotechnology in food, feed, textiles, medical applications and manufactured products.

### The Partnership Supports:

- Federal incentives to assist with market development, demonstration and commercialization of biofuels and biobased products.
- Protecting the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) and promoting an increase in RFS volumes for all biofuels.
- Urging Congress and the Administration to explore and support emerging trade markets that benefit Iowa agricultural products.
- Creation of a federal production tax credit for bio-based chemicals and materials.
- Extending the cellulosic ethanol and biodiesel blenders credits and working to make the biodiesel credit a producers' credit to protect the U.S. biodiesel industry from unfair trade practices in the sector.
- Continued funding and implementation of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Biofuel Infrastructure Partnership (BIP) to support installation of higher biofuel blend infrastructure to give consumers more choice at the pump.
- Full funding for loan guarantee and/or grant programs to accelerate the commercialization of lignocellulosic biofuels, overcome technology barriers and provide the requisite mechanism for investors seeking funding assistance.
- Increased funding of the USDA Agriculture and Food Research Initiative to expand the program's capability to fund research and implementation on key issues of national and regional importance to agriculture and biotechnology.
- Authorizing Hatch Act funds to support the development of new bio-based products and improve knowledge concerning the complex linkages between food, nutrition and human health.
- Policies that support the continued development and expansion of biotechnology.
- The rigorous enforcement of science-based and nationally-uniform federal regulations to sustain public confidence in these products in the United States and around the world.



- Ensuring that innovative and promising biotechnology products are approved in a timely manner and to protect and encourage the acceptance of new technology in agriculture, including gene editing.
- The creation of a bio-based product innovation center in the region.
- Expansion of the USDA National Institute for Food and Agriculture's Coordinated Agriculture Projects (CAP) program.
- The existing public-private partnership between farmers and government under the Federal Crop Insurance Program.
- Funding for USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) for Foreign Animal Disease preparedness, continued research and the development of an adequate vaccine bank to address an outbreak of foot and mouth disease in the United States.