Welcome to the 2009 Genomics: GTL Awardee Workshop and USDA-DOE Plant Feedstock Genomics for Bioenergy Awardee Workshop 2009
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This year’s meeting will feature our first breakout session devoted to this topic, as well as breakouts focusing on multiscale modeling approaches, sustainability issues relevant to bioenergy production, and the application of various “omic” techniques to molecular measurements and genome annotation. We will discuss two major workshops held by Genomics: GTL last year, one focusing on carbon cycling and biosequestration and another on the establishment of a Genomics: GTL Knowledgebase. As a new feature for this year’s meeting, several outstanding graduate students have been selected to make brief presentations during lunchtime sessions, and we encourage you to come and hear about their work.

This meeting brings together researchers supported by the Genomics: GTL program and the USDA-DOE Plant Feedstock Genomics for Bioenergy Program, which focuses on genomics-based research leading to the improved use of biomass and plant feedstocks for producing liquid transportation fuels or renewable chemical feedstocks. By bringing together these distinct but complementary research communities, we hope to stimulate the exchange of ideas, sharing of expertise, and formation of new partnerships.

We look forward to an exciting and productive meeting and encourage you to be an active participant in discussions during the plenary presentations, breakout meetings, and poster sessions. We thank you for lending your expertise and vision to Genomics: GTL and the USDA-DOE Plant Feedstock Genomics for Bioenergy Program and wish you continued success in the coming year.

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