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New Issue Brief Highlights Positive Economic Impacts of Ethanol Production

Washington, DC: January 20, 2011: The **Ethanol Across America** education campaign released the latest in its series of Issue Briefs today on the *Economic Impacts of Ethanol Production* that illustrates the significant benefits of ethanol production to the U.S. economy.

The Brief examines the impacts of several fuel ethanol facilities in states including Nebraska, Indiana, Iowa, and South Dakota and shows how these domestic biorefineries are helping the economy.

Douglas A. Durante, Director of the Ethanol Across America Campaign, said, "We have long been aware of the benefits of ethanol production at the local level, and the case studies we provide clearly quantify that. This brief also makes it clear that jobs resulting from the ethanol industry, both direct and indirect, fuel the economy at all levels," said Durante.

The ethanol industry added \$2.9 billion of gross output to the US Economy in 2009 alone according to a study cited in the brief and it notes the reduction in Federal outlays for farm programs as well as the substantial energy costs savings. Increasing the motor fuel pool with ethanol lowers the cost of gasoline to consumers and the potential for reducing oil imports could lower the US oil bill by more than \$60 billion dollars per year. Full implementation of the Renewable Fuel Standard, which will largely be met with ethanol, could increase net farm receipts by \$13 billion per year.

Durante noted that ethanol production facilities are not limited to the Midwest. One case study illustrates that a 50 million gallon per year biomass ethanol plant in the Northeast would generate \$170 -- \$200 million in income and create between 4,000 and 6,000 jobs during construction. Ethanol production from wood, agriculture residues, waste paper and other cellulosic sources is being looked at in every state in the union.

"Displacing imported oil, reducing health costs, creating jobs, reducing federal outlays-- the list goes on," said Durante. "With Congress and the Administration calling for a renewed commitment to producing domestic, clean energy, biofuels like ethanol make more sense than ever. With so many new members of Congress eager to look at these issues, we wanted to make this information available to them as they begin this new session."

The *Economic Impacts of Ethanol Production* Issue Brief can be downloaded from the Ethanol Across America website. Hard copies are available by contacting cfdcinc@aol.com. Other Briefs in the series include *Environmental Impacts of Ethanol Production*, the *Net Energy Balance of Ethanol Production*, the *Impact of Ethanol Production on Food, Feed, and Fuel*; *Converting Cellulose into Ethanol and Other Biofuels*; and *Energy Security*. For these and other publications log on to www.ethanolcrossamerica.net.

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