

## FOCUS: BIOFUELS

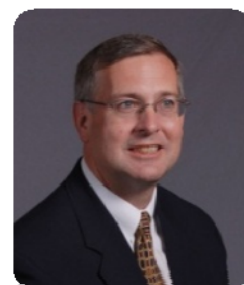
### Context Senior Associate Serves on DOE Merit Review Committee

Context Senior Consultant and resident biofuels expert, Jim Murphy, was recently called to serve on a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Merit Review Committee. Over a three-day period, Murphy joined other esteemed experts to review some 86 grant applications submitted in response to a DOE Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) entitled "University Research in Biomass Technologies: Applied Research in Conversion of Biomass to Advanced Fuels."

Murphy stated, "Funding for this \$4,000,000 program was authorized under the Energy Independence & Security Act of 2007 and was open only to University led consortiums."

The FOA was intended to solicit innovative and unique approaches to addressing the needs of biochemical and thermochemical processing of biomass as implemented in integrated biorefinery operations. "All projects were to address long-term goals of reducing the costs of cellulosic ethanol."

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