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PROSPERITY AG & ENERGY RESOURCES' CLIENT AWARDED USDA RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM (REAP) FEASIBILITY STUDY GRANT

MONROVIA, IND. – January 24, 2011 – On Thursday, January 20, 2011, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that USDA Rural Development has selected Prosperity Ag & Energy Resources' client, Melon Acres, Inc. for the Rural Energy for America (REAP) Feasibility Study Grant. Melon Acres, Inc. was selected to receive a \$12,912 (25 percent of the total project cost) feasibility study grant for a renewable energy project of generating butanol from the farm's cull watermelons and cantaloupe.

Melon Acres, Inc.'s project to be studied is a small-sized butanol production facility that will create fuel for farm-use only from residue melon crops grown by the farm. The study will evaluate the viability of building such a facility and the amount of feedstock required to create enough fuel to offset the farm's entire fossil fuel use. The study will be performed by Ohio State University and will evaluate the economic, market, technical, financial and environmental feasibility of the proposed project. Melon Acres, Inc. is one example of Prosperity's clients with a unique project that is eligible for funding.

The REAP Program funding is authorized through the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Farm Bill). REAP funding can be used for renewable energy projects, energy efficient improvements, energy audits, feasibility studies and renewable energy development assistance. Information on the REAP program can be found at http://www.ruradev.usda.gov/BCP_ReapResEei.html.

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