

Southern States Biobased Alliance and the Southeast Biomass State/Regional Partnership Structure

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Southern States Energy Board

- Interstate Compact representing 16 southern states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands
- Governor and two state legislators comprise Board
- Presidential appointee serves as federal representative
- Offices located in Metro Atlanta and D.C.



Southern States Energy Board

Mission:

“to enhance economic development and the quality of life in the South through innovative energy and environmental policies, technologies and programs.”



Background and History

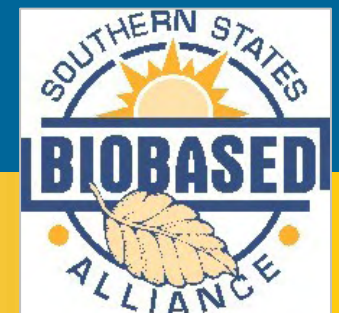
Regional Biomass Energy Program

- The Southern States Energy Board (SSEB) responded to a competitive solicitation and won award for Southeast Regional Biomass Energy Program in 1999
- SE regional program previously administered through TVA
- Five year Cooperative Agreement originally administered through the DOE-Atlanta Office
- Current cooperative agreement directly through DOE Golden Field Office
- SSEB's unique structure offered opportunity to elevate program to policymaker level and engage key state officials and leadership



Southern States Biobased Alliance

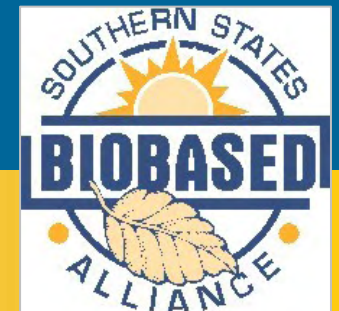
- Formed in 2000 as an initiative of SSEB's chairman, Governor Jim Hodges of South Carolina
- Alliance membership comprised of Governors' appointees including one state official and one state legislator with interest in energy, environment, agriculture and/or forestry or related area
- Representative John Raymond Reeves, Mississippi and Mr. John Davies, Kentucky serve as co-chairs



Southern States Biobased Alliance/Partnership Goals

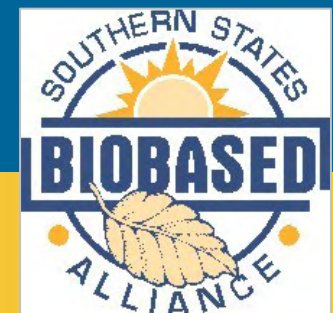
Provide regional leadership to the Southern States Energy Board member states:

- through Alliance meetings and activities that will foster communication, coordination and collaboration among members to enhance development of a biobased industry in the region
- by recommending policies and programs that will foster development of a biobased industry in the region
- by identifying strategies that will stimulate markets for biobased products and technologies
- to advance research, development and demonstration of biobased technologies and promote the use of those technologies



Alliance/Partnership Integration

- Southern States Biobased Alliance serves as the lead regional advisory group for the Southeast State/Regional Biomass Partnership
- State biomass coordinators act as technical arm of the Alliance in determining state-specific projects and providing technical assistance at the state and local level
- Both groups met jointly in July 2005 in conjunction with the Biomass Incentives and Policies Workshop held in Hebron, Kentucky



Southern States Energy Board and the Alliance/Partnership

- Structure allows for recognition by highest of state officials
- Alliance/Partnership activities highlighted each year at SSEB's annual meeting
- Activities and Progress reported to the Board on regular basis and in each year's annual report
- Showcase state activities/projects in Annual Board video shown to the Governors and state legislators each year
- Board leadership active in sustaining funding for the regional partnership on national level



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