



Quote Sheet, Energy Biosciences Institute

"I can't tell you how excited I am that BP has chosen UC Berkeley and California for its new \$500 Million Energy Biosciences Institute," said. "I'm proud that the private sector has recognized California's leadership and commitment to clean energy. This is a perfect complement to our new low-carbon fuel standard which will cut carbon emissions 10 percent from our cars by the year 2020, and with research facilities like the Energy Biosciences Institute, California will continue to be a leader in the Cleantech industry."
California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

"We are extremely pleased that Illinois and our flagship public-research university is a part of BP's exciting new Energy Biosciences Institute, which will advance important new discoveries to protect our environment and expand our economy. If we make these kinds of investments now in cleaner renewable biofuels like ethanol and other biodiesel, within ten years we'll be able to produce enough energy from our own natural resources to dramatically cut our dependence on foreign energy and help fight global warming. That means billions of our hard-earned dollars will stay here at home, in our economy creating more jobs, rather than leaving our country forever. As a national leader in corn and soybean production and world-class biofuels research and development, Illinois is uniquely positioned to advance the vision of this new Institute. We look forward to working together with BP and our partners in the state of California to bring even more efficient and effective renewable sources of energy to the marketplace. "
Illinois Governor Rod R. Blagojevich

"BP's award is a tribute to the scientific excellence of the Department of Energy's Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and its academic partners at the University of California, Berkeley, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. As we continue to promote alternative energy as a means to strengthen our nation's energy security, it is important that private industry join in support of research to advance President Bush's goal of making clean energy sources, like bioenergy and biofuels, commercially available."
Secretary of Energy Samuel W. Bodman said.

"The proposal from UC Berkeley and its partners was selected in large part because these institutions have excellent track records of delivering 'Big Science' – large and complex developments predicated on both scientific breakthroughs and engineering applications that can be deployed in the real world. This program will further both basic and applied biological research relevant to energy. In short, it will create the discipline of Energy Biosciences. The Institute will be unique in both its scale and its partnership between BP, academia and others in the private sector."
John Browne, Group Chief Executive, BP plc.



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“We are delighted to welcome UC Berkley, the University of Illinois and the Lawrence Berkeley Lab to this effort. We are joining with some of the world’s best science and engineering talent to meet the world’s demand for low carbon energy. As part of that effort we will be working to improve and expand the production of clean, renewable energy through the integrated development of better crops, better processing technologies, and new biofuels.”

Bob Malone, Chairman and President, BP America, Inc.

“We are extremely pleased that BP has chosen to partner with the University of California at Berkeley, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to create the Energy Biosciences Institute. Contributing our world-class expertise in the areas of alternative energy research and policy with BP’s ambitious vision for EBI will harness the most creative science and innovative technologies to develop viable solutions to global energy challenges. We are tremendously excited at the possibility this partnership holds for solving one of the most fundamental problems that currently faces our nations and the world.”

Robert J. Birgeneau, Chancellor of UC Berkeley.

“I thank BP for engaging the University of California, Berkeley and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in this noble enterprise. This exciting venture allows two of the country’s greatest public universities to work together to develop renewable energy – an initiative that will play a critical role in the success and security of our nation. Addressing the problems facing society is the business of our institution. The scientists leading this important work are continuing Illinois’ rich heritage of paradigm-changing discovery and innovation.”

Richard Herman, Chancellor, University Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

This partnership with BP will develop new sustainable energy technologies that can transform the landscape. We believe EBI will create a culture where vibrant interpersonal interactions will generate extraordinarily innovative energy research. The 'team science' approach introduced by E.O. Lawrence 75 years ago and the invention of the transistor at Bell Labs are striking examples of how large-scale, multidisciplinary problems were solved by establishing the proper scientific culture where the most brilliant minds can work together. Our new institute will combine the best qualities of individual genius in our faculty and staff with the capability to form teams that can rapidly explore bold approaches that are well beyond the reach of a single investigator or a single discipline.”

Nobel Laureate Steve Chu, Director, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

“This bold research initiative at the University of Illinois will help farmers get more ethanol from a bushel of corn and will create affordable ways to turn grasses and other farm products into fuels. As a result, our nation will be able to meet a higher Renewable Fuels Standard, which will move us a step closer towards energy independence.”

Barack Obama, U.S. Senator, Illinois



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"I'm delighted to learn that this collaboration has come to fruition. This partnership is a tribute to the resourcefulness and imagination of many individuals and entities. It is particularly gratifying to me as the congressman representing this region that the University of Illinois' expertise in these fields can be brought to the table. Our energy independence, our economy and our environment all depend on the success of these endeavors."

Timothy V. Johnson, U.S. Congressman, State of Illinois

"This announcement is a great victory for California, for the United States, and literally for the world. At the University of California, we have a proud tradition of pursuing not simply research and development, but research, development and delivery of solutions to people who need them. The BP Energy Biosciences Institute is a wonderful example of this approach, focusing as it does on the development of cutting-edge solutions to our planet's need for new alternative energy sources. We are very pleased to partner with our colleagues at the University of Illinois, and with the strong support of Governor Schwarzenegger, to pursue this research."

Robert C. Dynes, President, University of California

"We are very proud that BP has recognized the expertise and capabilities of our Urbana faculty to contribute in a major way to solving one of the most urgent challenges of our day. This creative public-private partnership to develop new and renewable forms of energy is a model of what public research universities do best — solve big problems and make the lives of the citizens of our state and nation better and more prosperous."

B. Joseph White, President, University of Illinois

"The future of our planet depends upon finding and developing sustainable energy technologies. I am delighted that BP has chosen the best possible place in the world — the University of California — to pursue an aggressive agenda of research in this field. Our scientists at Berkeley bring tremendous experience and passion to these issues, and they have a proven track record of identifying breakthrough solutions for some of the most pressing problems facing our society. I am certain that we can look forward to some breathtaking accomplishments at the Energy Biosciences Institute that will have worldwide applications."

Richard C. Blum, Chairman, Board of Regents, University of California

"This is a great day for a great university. It is an enormous win for the Urbana faculty. The ultimate winner, of course, will be the economy of the state of Illinois, which is already a national leader in the development of alternative fuels."

Lawrence C. Eppley, Chairman, Board of Trustees, University of Illinois