Developing a Southern Bioenergy Roadmap Inventory

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Timeline and Tasks (2008)

Task 1 (Lead: Alavalapati): Identify bioenergy assets of the South in the areas of general, policy, research, and commercial/industry through literature review, data collection, and GIS mapping (**March – April**);

Task 2 (Lead: Hodges): Gather input from institutions and individuals involved in bioenergy in the South through regional stakeholder meetings and other appropriate means (**May – June**);

Task 3 (Lead: Alavalapati and Hodges): Create a coherent set of recommendations based on the findings of (1) and (2) aimed at improving sustainable bioenergy industries in the South (**July**);

Task 4 (Lead: Alavalapati and Hodges): Provide a plan of action to implement those recommendations (**August**); and

Task 5 (Lead: Hodges and Alavalapati): Communicate bioenergy roadmap information to practitioners, decision makers, businesses and general public (**September**).