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Franklin County School Receives Biofuels for School Grant

Program brings green job training and emission reductions to school

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 20, 2011) – The Franklin County Career and Technical Center (FCCTC) is the recipient of the 2011 Kentucky Biofuels for Schools grant program, made possible by the *TogetherGreen* Fellow Program and the Kentucky Division of Compliance Assistance.

Founded in October 2010, the Kentucky Biofuels for Schools program encourages Kentucky high schools to teach, produce and use biofuels within their schools and community.

During the ceremony today, FCCTC received a \$5,000 grant toward a community-focused biodiesel project that engages local students in conservation and pollution prevention while focusing on fundamental science and math concepts. To qualify for this grant, FCCTC demonstrated a multidisciplinary project with long-term vision, committed to attending training from the Kentucky BioFuels for Schools program, and received commitments from three community partners to support the project.

For their project, FCCTC will install a mobile biodiesel processor created especially for them by the Loyola University's Biodiesel Program. Loyola University, located in Chicago, is a partner with the Kentucky Biofuels for Schools program. FCCTC will use waste oil from the district school cafeterias to convert to biodiesel. This biodiesel will eventually be used in district diesel-burning

equipment. In addition, FCCTC will develop curriculum guides and an instructional DVD and be a model for other schools. Because of this commitment, FCCTC also will be recognized as the first technical center to become an advocate member of KY EXCEL, Kentucky's environmental leadership program.

"The FCCTC project offers vocational students the perfect environment to discover science, learn about energy conservation, and teach essential green job training skills," said Kenya Stump, who created the program through a conservation alliance with Audubon and Toyota. "When students learn core concepts using biofuels, everyone benefits, including the environment. We hope that FCCTC will be a model program for other schools in Kentucky."

More information on the Kentucky Biofuels for Schools program can be found at www.bio-schools.org or by e-mailing kenya@bio-schools.org. A complete list of the 2010 *TogetherGreen* Fellows can be found at www.TogetherGreen.org/fellows.

About *TogetherGreen*

Audubon and Toyota launched the five-year *TogetherGreen* initiative in 2008 to build the promise of a greener, healthier future through innovation, leadership and volunteerism. To date, 120 environmental leaders, half from within Audubon and half from outside organizations, have received *TogetherGreen* Fellowships to protect land, water and energy resources nationwide. For more information, visit www.togethergreen.org.

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