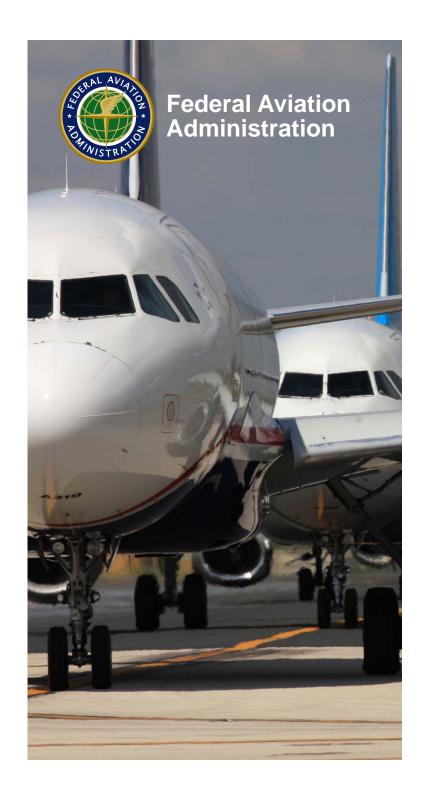
# Alternative Jet Fuels Research Overview

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# **Alt Fuels Development Progress**

- ASTM approval of SIP fuels (June 2014), additional ballots under preparation
- Engine tests of novel fuels continue
  - PW615F turbofan testing of 3 fuels completed
  - Honeywell APU testing of 7 fuels will be complete September 2014
  - Cooperative testing of Alcohol-to-Jet fuel with USAF
- ASCENT projects underway
  - National Jet Fuel Combustion Program
  - Supply chain analysis
  - Environmental and economic sustainability analyses
  - Emissions research to relate measured changes in emissions and fuel performance to fuel composition
- Continued domestic and international engagement
  - DOE joined Farm to Fly 2.0 (July 2014)
  - National Alternative Jet Fuel Strategy draft completed & in review
  - ICAO Alternative Fuels Task Force (AFTF) is advancing



# Challenges for Alternative Jet Fuels

Feedstock Availability



Competitive cost for alternative fuel



Approved for performance/safety



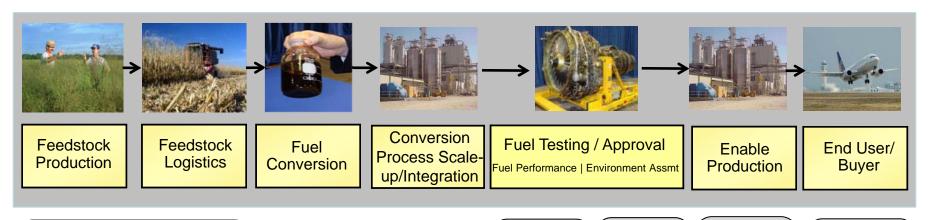
Environmentally sustainable



Commercially produced



### **USG Efforts across Alternative Jet Fuel Supply Chain**



Agriculture: Biomass Crop Assistance Program & Crop Insurance Program

Energy & Defense: R&D grants

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FAA & Defense: C/Q Fuel testing

FAA, Defense, & NASA: Enviro Analysis

Agriculture, Navy, & Energy: Defense Production Act and **Biorefinery** Program

Defense & Airlines: fuel purchase

FAA: Guidance for Airports

Agriculture: Feedstock **Development Center Grants** 



















EPA: Renewable Fuel Standard

## Testing

- Support Cert/Qual testing
- Improve Cert/Qual process
- Emissions measurements

### Analysis

- Environmental sustainability
- Techno-economic analysis
- Future scenarios & supply chain

### Coordination

- Interagency
- Public-Private
- State & Regional
- International

## Tracking use













# Testing

- Support Cert/Qual testing
- Improve Cert/Qual process
- Emissions measurements
- Support evaluation of fuels for ASTM approval
- Reduce test cost and time for qualification

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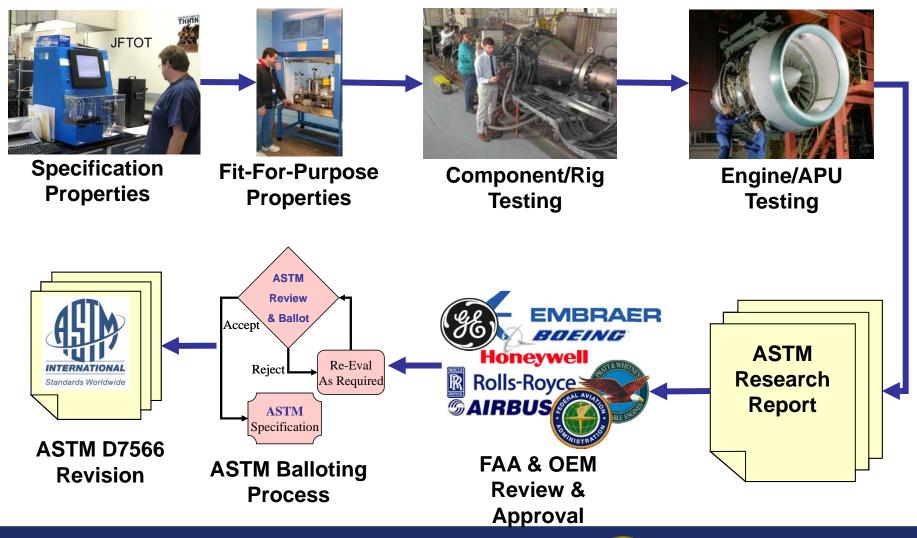




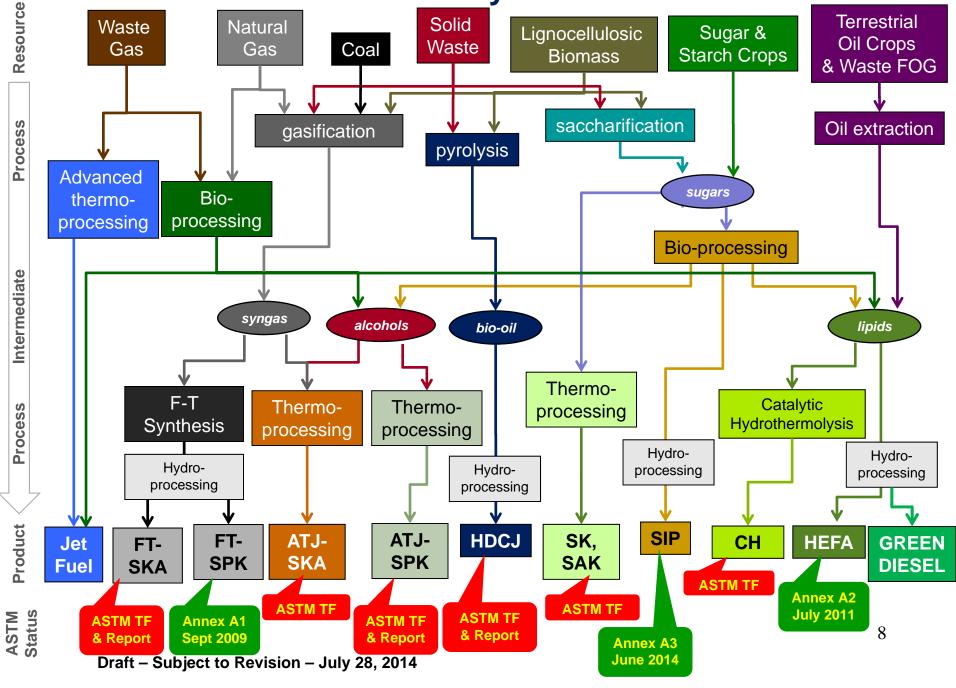




# **Aviation Fuel Qualification (ASTM D4054 Process)**



**Alternative Jet Fuel Pathways & Status** 



## Testing

- Material compatibility
- Certification / Qualification
- Emissions measurements

# Analysis

- Environmental sustainability
- Techno-economic analysis
- Future scenarios & supply chain
- Improve understanding of environmental and economic sustainability of alternative jet fuel pathways
- Improve understanding of the potential availability of alternative jet fuel















### **ASCENT Alternative Jet Fuel Supply Chain Analysis**

### **Objectives**

- Develop information on regional supply chains for use in creating scenarios of future alternative jet fuel production
- Identify the key barriers in regional supply chains that must be overcome to produce 1 billion gallons of alternative jet fuel by 2018 and an order of magnitude larger production in the longer term
- Support the Alternative Fuel Task Force (AFTF) of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP) by estimating the contribution of alternative jet fuels toward CO<sub>2</sub> reduction targets in 2050

#### **ASCENT Alternative Jet Fuel Supply Chain Analysis**

### Research Team

#### ASCENT Universities:

- Washington State (M. Wolcott)
- Penn State (P. Smith)
- U. Illinois (J. Endres)
- U. Tennessee (T. Rials)
- Penn State (T. Richard)
- MIT (R. Malina)
- Purdue (W. Tyner)

#### National Labs:

- Volpe, ANL (already onboard)
- INL, NREL, ORNL, PNNL (as possible)

#### Cost share support:

- Biojet Canada (TC funded effort)
- ITAKA (CLH Aviation, EC funded effort)
- Delta Airlines
- Byogy
- Monsanto

### Universities represented:

- Sun Grant Partnership
- USDA AFRI Coordinated Agricultural Projects
  - Northwest Advanced Renewables Alliance (NARA via WSU)
  - Southeast Partnership for Integrated Biomass Supply Systems (IBSS via U. Tennessee)
  - Northeast Woody/Warm-season Biomass Consortium (NEWBio via PSU)
- Bioenergy Science Center (via U. Illinois)

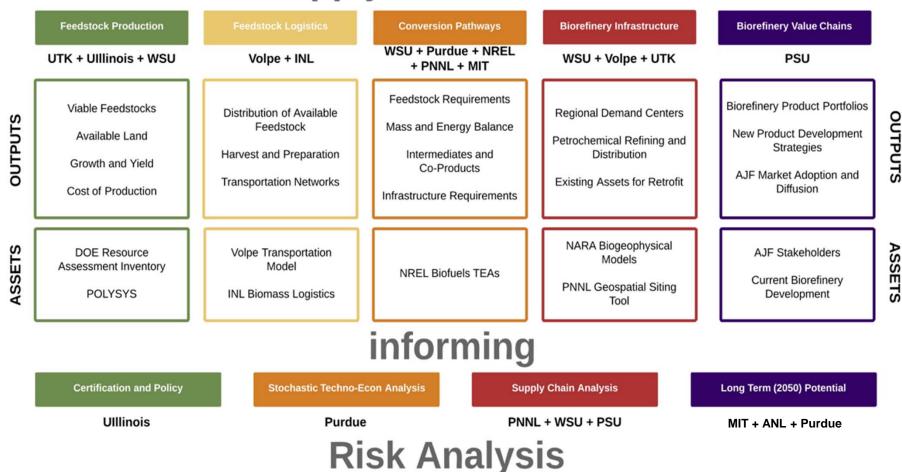
### Kick-off Meeting – shooting for September:

Team, CAAFI, Airlines 4 America, USDA, DOE, DLA-Energy, US Navy, and AFRL

#### **ASCENT Alternative Jet Fuel Supply Chain Analysis**

# **Project Layout**

# **AJF Supply Chain Assessment**



- Complement and leverage work of other U.S. agencies
- Complement and leverage work of private sector
- Complement and leverage work of international partners
- Support state/regional supply chain development and deployment

### Coordination

- Interagency
- Public-Private
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# Farm to Fly 2.0

methe undersigned, jointly signify our intent to continue working together over the next five years in an expanded collaboration entitled "Farm to Fly 2.0", to enable commercially viable, sustainable bio-Jet Fuel supply chains in the U.S. that are able to support the goal of one billion gallons of bio-Jet Fuel production capacity and use for the Aviation Enterprise by 2018"



















# **FY15 Anticipated efforts**

- Continue support to ASTM approval of additional fuel pathways
- Continued Certification / Qualification testing of fuels with current methods (D4054) to support ASTM approval
- Continue work to improve testing methods to reduce cost and time of Certification / Qualification over longer term via NJFCP
- Continue Analysis in support of deployment:
  - Supply chain analysis
  - Environmental and economic sustainability analyses
  - Emissions research to relate measured changes in emissions and fuel performance to fuel composition
- Continued domestic and international engagement
  - CAAFI
  - Farm to Fly 2.0 working group
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# **Summary**

- Alternative jet fuels are a key component of FAA strategy in meeting environmental goals
- FAA efforts are directed to overcoming key challenges via testing, analysis and coordination
- Multiple programs and activities:
  - Commercial Aviation Alternative Fuels Initiative (CAAFI)
  - Continuous Lower Energy, Emissions and Noise (CLEEN) Program
  - Aviation Sustainability Center (ASCENT)
  - National Alternative Jet Fuel Strategy development
  - National Jet Fuel Combustion Program
  - Farm to Fly 2.0
- Strong domestic and international coordination