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Legal Issues

Session 13-5

DATE:

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Breakout Session 13-5

Time:

1:30pm - 3:15pm

Presenters:

Follow the Money. Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency enhancements in the Federal Stimulus Package.

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Protecting Your Intellectual Property When Applying for Federal Grants

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Most federal grant programs for renewable energy projects (DoE, USDA, etc.) are subject to the provisions of the Bayh-Dole Act. Under Bayh-Dole, grant recipients must give certain U.S. patent rights to the federal government for inventions that are developed with the grant funds. Additionally, public disclosure of inventions during the grant application stage may result in the loss of rights in foreign countries that have an "absolute novelty" standard.

The presentation will address the rules of Bayl-Dole, and the steps that grant applicants should take to protect their intellectual property during the application process.

Presenter Biographies:

Brian Bean

Brian Bean is a patent attorney specializing in renewable fuels. He has experience drafting patent applications in algae oil processing, advanced biodiesel, biomass conversion to hydrocarbon fuels, petroleum refining, and catalytic processing. He has presented at regional biomass conferences and national chemistry conferences.