

## How U.S. Government Policy Leads the World in Delivering the Bioeconomy

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## **Presentation Overview**

Drivers for the bioeconomy

The role of the different federal agencies in supporting the development of the bioeconomy

Selected bioeconomy policies and programs

Conclusions

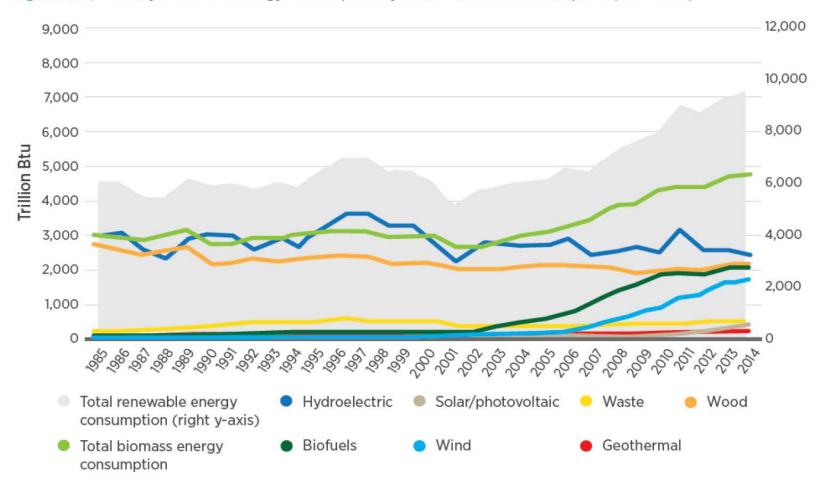


## **Drivers**



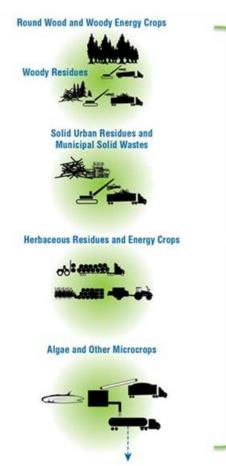
## Biomass is the Largest Source of Renewables' Consumption in the U.S.

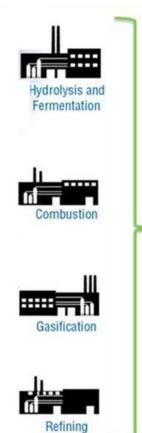
Figure 2.2 | Primary renewable energy consumption by source and total consumption (1985–2014)

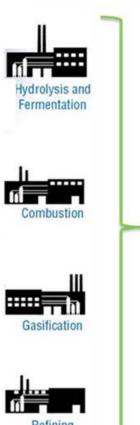




## The Bioeconomy Concept in the U.S. Includes Biofuels and Bio-products

















#### **DRIVERS**

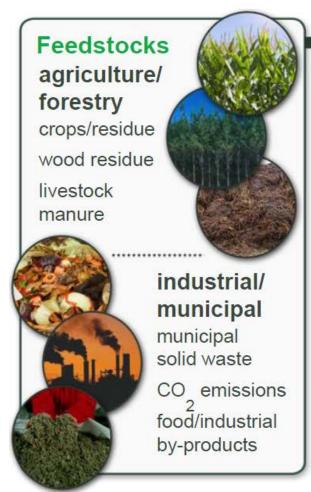
- Revenue and economic growth
- Broad spectrum of new jobs
- Rural development
- Advanced technologies and manufacturing
- Reduced emissions and Environmental Sustainability
- Export potential of technology and products
- Positive societal changes
- Investments and new infrastructure

**Definition**: "The global industrial transition of sustainably utilizing renewable aquatic and terrestrial biomass resources in energy, intermediate, and final products for economic, environmental, social, and national security benefits."



## The Advanced Bioeconomy

Includes Biofuels, Bioproducts and Even Food



## Technologies extraction/

separation

mechanical, chemical

#### bioconversion

microbes, algae

### hydroloysis

acids, enzymes

#### gasification

high heat, low oxygen

#### pyrolysis

catalysis, heat, pressure

#### **Markets**

#### food

oil proteins carbohydrates additives

#### fuels/energy

ethanol/butanol biodiesel heat electricity

#### materials

plastics fibers adhesives rubber paints/coatings dyes/pigments/ink detergents/solvents



# What the Barrel Is Worth...Can the Bioeconomy Capture a Bigger Piece?

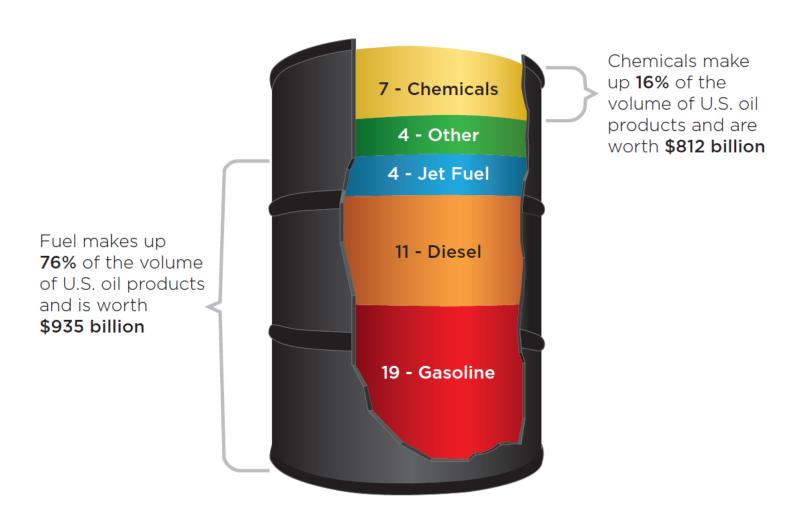
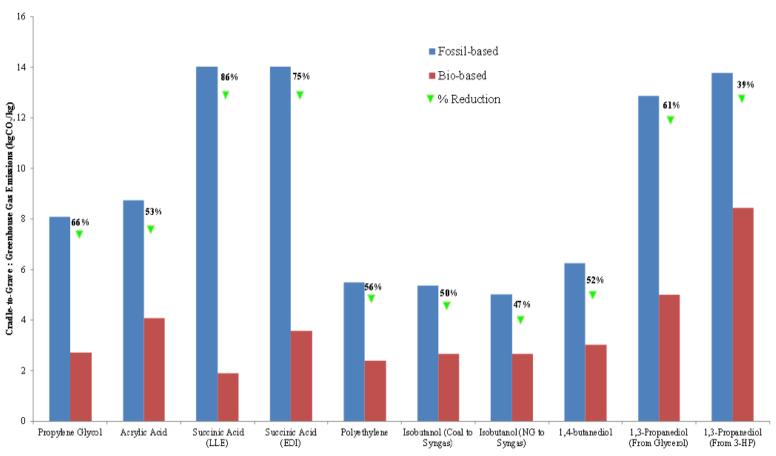


Figure 4. Products and revenue from a barrel of oil. *Source: DOE-BETO citing Bloomberg New Energy Finance, U.S. Energy Information Administration, American Chemical Council* 



## GHG Reductions from Bio-Derived Chemicals

Future Compliance with Paris Agreement Commitments Increasingly Critical Driver

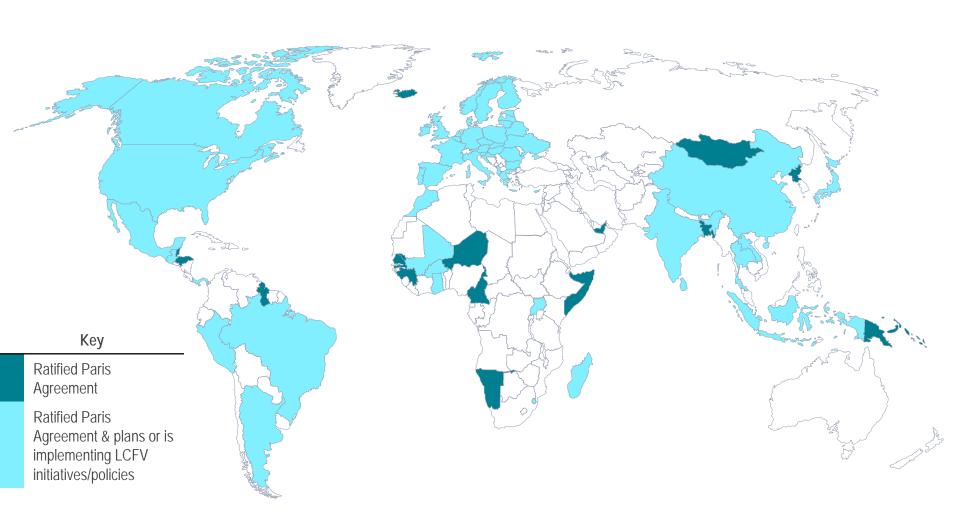


Life-Cycle Fossil Energy Consumption and Greenhouse Gas Emissions of Bioderived Chemicals and Their Conventional Counterparts – Felix Adom, Jennifer Dunn, Jeongwoo Han, and Norm Sather.

Greenhouse gas emission reductions from bio-derived chemicals v. their conventional counterparts.



# Countries Ratifying the Paris Agreement & Are Planning/Implementing LCFV Initiatives

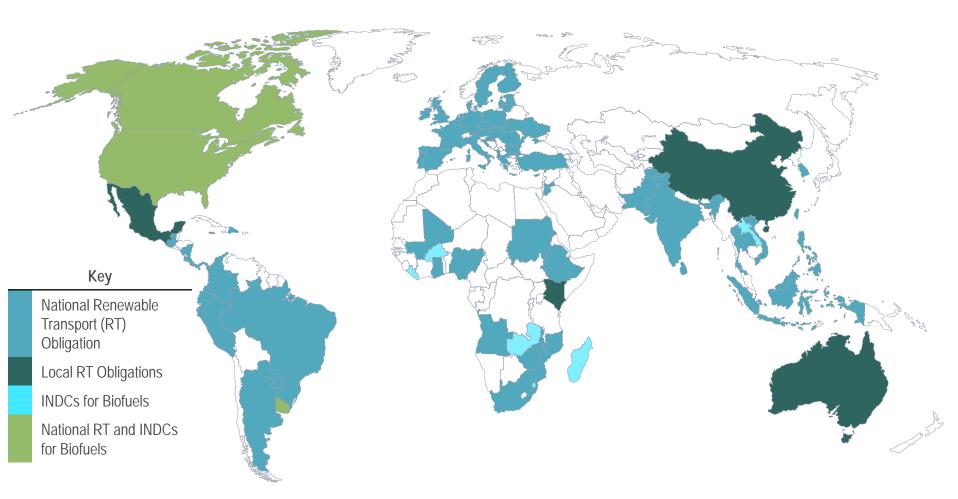


Source: UN Treaty Collection, Oct. 6, 2016

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# Global Renewable Transport Obligations & Global INDCs that Reference Biofuels



Sources: Renewables 2016 Global Status Report, REN 21; Intended Nationally-Determined Contributions (INDCs) Offer Opportunities for Ambitious Action on Transport and Climate Change, Partnership for Low Carbon Transport; Global Renewable Fuels Alliance

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# The Role of Federal Agencies in Facilitating the Bioeconomy



## Fostering the Bioeconomy is a Multi-Agency Effort and a Federal Priority

Agriculture Defense Energy Interior **Transportation EPA** Office of Science **National Science** NASA & Technology Foundation **Policy** 



# Work Concerns Four Main Thematic Areas in the Bioeconomy Supply Chain



## Feedstock Supply

• DOE, USDA, NSF



### **Biomass Conversion**

• DOE, USDA, NSF



## **Bioenergy Distribution**

• DOE, DOD, DOT, EPA

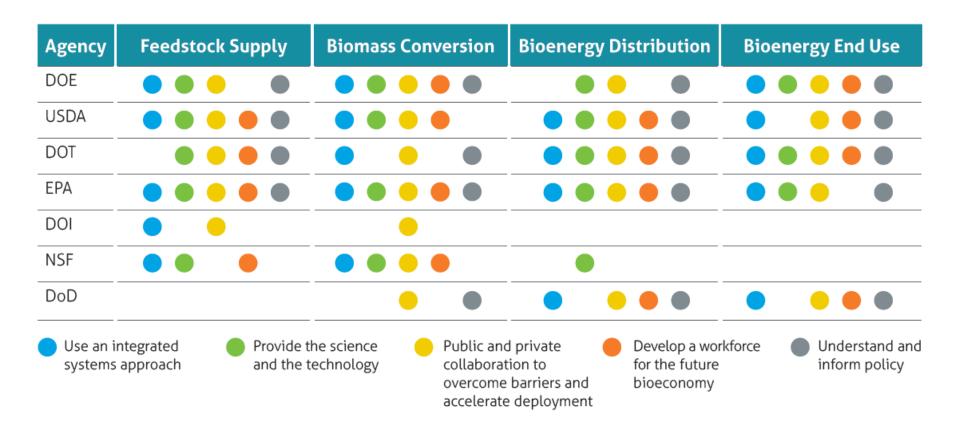


## Bioenergy End Use

• DOE, EPA, USDA, DOD, DOT



# Synergies & Roles for Agencies Across the Bioeconomy Supply Chain





## Major Federal Agency Collaborations

Agencies	Nature of the Collaboration				
USDA-DOE	Biomass Feedstock Coordination Group				
USDA-DOE	Woody Biomass Utilization Group				
USDA-DOE	Farm to Fly 2.0 (renewable jet fuel)				
USDA-DOD	Defense Production Act (advanced drop-in fuels for the military)				
DOD-DOE	MOU re: commercial scale biorefineries for drop-in jet fuels and diesel				
DOE-DOT	Infrastructure needs and capacity				
DOE-FAA	Development of alternative jet fuels and roadmap				
DOE-EPA	Coordination on Renewable Fuels Standard Program, DOE R&D, sustainability activities and improved data sharing				
DOE-National Labs	Co-Optima Program: Develop new fuels and vehicles with higher performance and reduce petroleum consumption 30% v. 2030 BAU				
DOE-Office of Science	R&D such as energy crops, systems biology, climate change/sustainability				
DOE-ARPA-E	Information sharing on key projects				



# High-Level Advisory Committees Engage Industry Stakeholders & Inform Congress

### Interagency Biomass R&D Board

- Senate confirmed co-chairs from USDA and DOE
- Includes other senior level representatives from EPA, DOI, NSF, Office of Science & Technology Policy, DOT and DOD

### **Technical Advisory Committee**

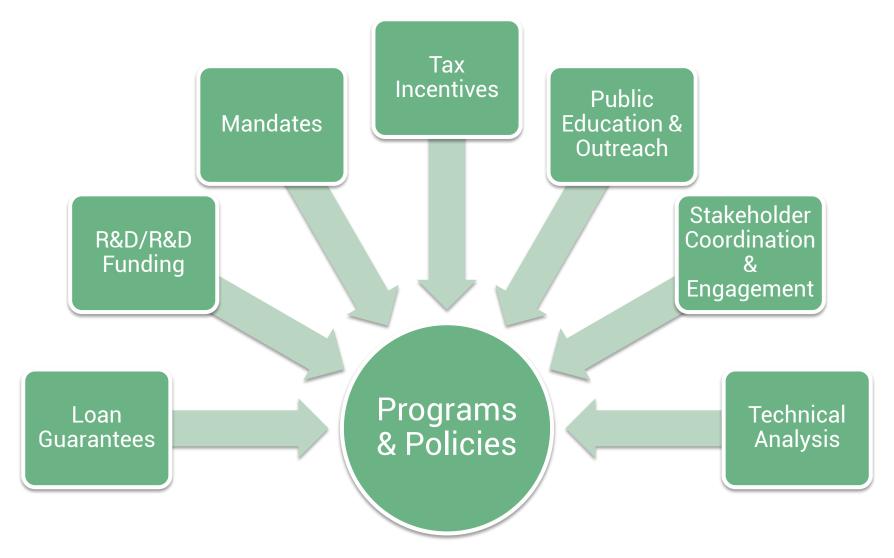
- Advises the Secretaries of Agriculture and Energy on Biomass R&D Initiative
- Jointly appointed by the secretaries
- Comprised of 30 external stakeholders
- Responsible for providing recommendations and identifying industry barriers and solutions in their respective fields



# Selected Federal Programs & Policies to Foster the Bioeconomy



## Different Types of Federal Bioeconomy Programs & Policy Tools Used





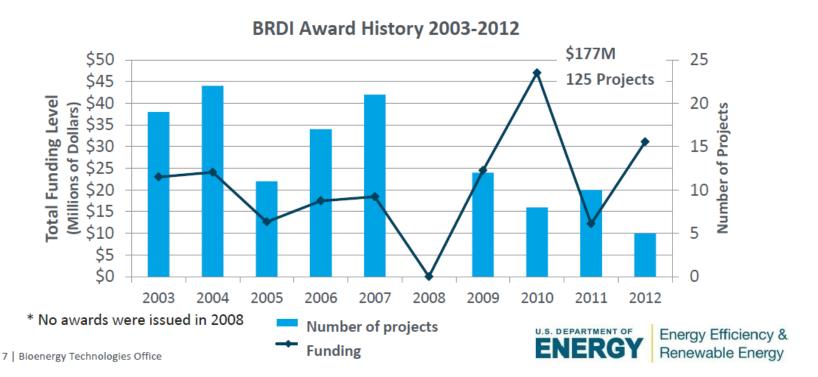
## Major Federal Programs & Policies Focus on the Four Thematic Areas

Agency	Program					
	Biorefinery Project Grants: Funds cooperative R&D on biomass					
	Loan Guarantees: Several programs of loan guarantees to construct facilities that produce					
	ethanol from cellulosic material, municipal solid waste and/or sugarcane; others for energy					
	projects that reduce air pollutant and GHG emissions					
	Cellulosic Ethanol Reserve Auction: Provides per-gallon incentive payments for these fuels					
DOE	until production reaches 1 BGY or 2015					
	Renewable Fuels Standard Program: Requires an increasing volume of bio-based fuels in the					
	gasoline, diesel and jet fuel pools that includes specific targets for bio-based diesel, advanced					
EPA biofuels and cellulosic biofuels through 2022						
	Biofuels Tax Credits: Biodiesel, second generation biofuel producer, second generation biofuel					
IRS	production property depreciation allowance					
	The Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP): provides financial assistance to owners and					
	operators of agricultural and non-industrial private forest land who wish to establish, produce,					
	and deliver biomass feedstocks					
	Feedstock Flexibility Program for Bioenergy Producers: Encourages the domestic production of					
	biofuels from surplus sugar					
	Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels: Provides payments to producers to support and expand production of advanced biofuels					
	Rural Energy Program for American Program (REAP): Provides guaranteed loan financing and					
	grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy					
	systems or to make energy efficiency improvements					
	Biodiesel Fuel Education Program: Competitive grants are available to educate governmental					
	and private entities that operate vehicle fleets, the public, and other interested entities about					
USDA	the benefits of biodiesel use					
OODA	the perients of producted duc					



### **Biomass R&D Initiative**

- Provides grant funding for projects in R&D and demonstration of biofuels and bio-based products in feedstocks development, biofuels and biobased products development and biofuels development analysis
- Solicitation jointly run by DOE and USDA
- Established Biomass R&D board and TAC, discussed earlier





## The Billion Ton Economy



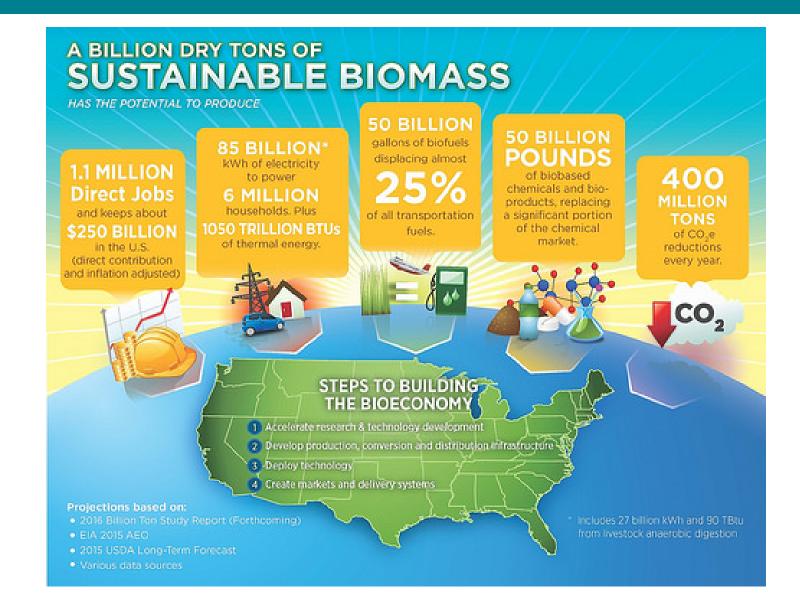
The vision: "to sustainably reach the full potential of biomass-derived products as a way of expanding our nation's economy. In doing so, the bioeconomy will provide multiple economic, environmental, and social benefits to the nation"



The goal: "to develop and provide innovative ways to remove barriers to expanding the sustainable use of Nation's abundant biomass resources for biofuels, bioproducts, and biopower, while maximizing economic, social, and environmental outcomes."



## Why the Billion Ton Report?





## **Defense Production Act**

### Supporting Commercialization of Drop-in Fuels

- Three projects selected in 2014 to build commercial biorefineries to product drop-in fuels from non-food biomass feedstocks
- Production anticipated to begin in 2017
- Fuels are approved for use as jet fuel by ASTM at up to 50/50 blends.

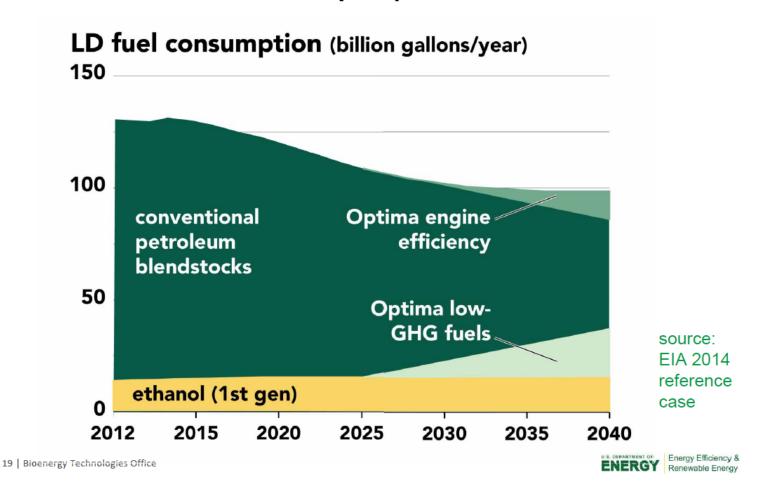
Company	Location	Feedstock	Capacity	Groundbreaking	Off-Take Agreements
E EMERALD BIOFUELS	Gulf Coast	Fats and Greases	82 MM g/y	ТВА	TBD
Fulcrum	McCarran, NV	MSW	10 MM g/y	Spring/Summer of 2015	CATHAY PACIFIC
RED ROCK BIO FUELS	Lakeview, OR	Woody Biomass	12 MM g/y	TBA	SOUTHWEST



## Co-Optima Program

Identifying Target Values for Critical Fuel Properties that Maximize Efficiency & Emissions Performance

### Reductions from efficiency displacement





## Conclusions



### What Makes the U.S. Successful?

### Funding is One Thing, but It's More Than That

#### Clear Priorities:

 Fostering the bioeconomy is a clear federal priority driven by need to mitigate climate change and reduce dependence on fossil fuels

#### Coordination:

Intra- and inter-agency coordination and commitment is key

### Funding:

 Never enough, but the federal government has been to date the largest single funder of bioenergy R&D in the U.S. (and maybe globally, too)

### Stakeholder Engagement:

 Stakeholders in the space are engaged in various programs and in different parts of the process

### • First-Class Analytics:

From the national labs to within the agencies
 themselves

#### Consumer Awareness:

 Public education and outreach down to the consumer level



# The Agencies Continue to Identify and Close Gaps – Some Examples

- Education:
  - Public outreach and education needs to improve
- Analyses:
  - Integrating public health and water concerns into future analyses is important objective
  - Lessons learned in developing "pioneer facilities" need to be better taken advantage of
  - Need to promote petroleum refinery co-location as a strategic goal
  - Identify and improve support for relevant co-products
- Inter-agency coordination:
  - Federal coordination is a lot stronger than it used to be, but in some areas such as R&D enhanced coordination needed
- Staff turnover can be an issue at the agencies
- Adequate government funding



## Thank You!

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