## **Biorefinery Panel** Moderator – *Lori Perine – Agenda 2020*



Introduction Comments – Lori Perine
Remarks – Panel Members
Open Forum Discussion – All
Key Lessons Learned – Lori Perine

# **Biorefinery Panel – Goals**

- Panel Members will collectively address the evolving arena of biorefineries:
  - Innovative research in Thermo-Chemical Biorefineries indicates that the forest products industry is a potential fuels producer and a co-generator of electricity
  - This panel will address the opportunities and challenges of deploying this technology in an open innovation environment
  - The panel will discuss how organizations can best prepare for the process changes, technical practicalities and business partnerships required to fully exploit this promising product platform

# Components of the Agenda 2020 IFPB Technology Strategy

### Sustainable Forest Productivity

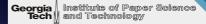
Apply biotechnology and nanotechnology breakthroughs to sustainable forestry to manage U.S. forest land at a high intensity and engineer feedstock optimized to co-products of the biorefinery

### Value Prior to Pulping

Separate and extract selected components of wood prior to pulping, and process these streams to produce commercially attractive chemical and liquid fuel products

<u>New Value Streams</u> from residuals and spent pulping liquors
 Convert forest residues, mill residuals and spent pulping liquors into liquid fuels, power, and/or chemicals

### **Thermo-Chemical Biorefinery**



## New Value Streams (NVS) from Residuals and Spent Pulping Liquors

- Thermochemical conversion (gasification, pyrolisis, other) of mill residuals, spent pulping liquor and other woody biomass
   Gasification is the dominant technology platform being
  - evaluated and demonstrated

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- Potential for three primary value streams from the synthetic gas (syngas) produced via gasification:
  - <u>Y Power generation</u>: Potential for 18-24 GW net export to grid
  - <u>Liquid fuels and/or chemicals</u>: manufacture equivalent of 216 million bbl/yr (renewable) or 11 billion bbl/50 years
  - <u>Hydrogen production</u>: daily production from a single mill of at least 55 million SCF of hydrogen

## **IFPB Stage of Technology Development**

Sustainable Forest Productivity (Core)

Sustainable Forest Productivity (Biorefinery)

Value Prior to Pulping

Concept Ris Generation Assess

Risk Assessment Proof of Concept

Proof of Process

of Demonstration ess Approach

#### **Business Case Needed**

New Value Streams from Spent Liquors And Residuals

> Source: Adapted from CTO Summit II Presentations

**Deployment** 

**Decisions** 

Transfer

Commercialization

## Challenges and Opportunities for Advancing Innovation in Thermo-Chemical Biorefineries

- What are the requirements for and impacts of innovation on:
  - Processes (gasification as core enabling technologies)
  - ✓ Products (bio-based fuels and products)
  - ✓ Markets (new and traditional)
- How do we advance and capture the value of these innovations to benefit the forest products industry?
- How would more effective implementation of open innovation principles increase enterprise effectiveness?

# Reaching Across Boundaries: Enabling Partnerships is Essential

Partnerships provide systematic and realistic approach to fund innovation and leverage technical and business expertise needed to address competitive challenges

- Create options for the US forest products industry through innovation in processes, materials, and markets – while strengthening core infrastructure and industry competitiveness
- Align technology objectives to provide options for addressing key industry competitive challenges
- Manage portfolio to <u>maximize value/minimize risk</u> of adopting new technologies
- Enable a <u>fully-integrated pipeline</u> of pre-competitive activity from concept through deployment

# Reaching Across Boundaries: Examples of Key Collaborations

#### Research Collaboration

- IFPB technology objectives
- New product development
- Business case and strategy

### Tech Transfer and Commercialization

- Demonstration of industrial units
- Intellectual property management
- Access to delivery infrastructure

#### Markets

- Enhanced quality/functionality of "traditional" products
- New value streams > new business models + new customers
- Funding
  - Research
  - Demonstration
  - Capital for commercialization

### Legislative and Regulatory

- Credits & Subsidies
- Environmental Regulations