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Good afternoon everyone.

I am pleased to join with you to mark the launch of the ANSI Biofuels Standards Panel. We are happy to have seen a terrific turnout . . .

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As you heard from Fran Schrotter this morning, this is the latest in a series of national and global priorities that ANSI is coordinating under our standards panel process.

Whether we're talking about homeland security . . . nanotechnology . . . ID theft protection or biofuels, the Institute's approach is consistent . . . we provide the neutral forum in which stakeholders come together to address emerging issues.

In this instance, our mission is to help *you* develop the standards and conformity assessment-based solutions that are needed to support the large scale commoditization of biofuels.

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Even though the cross-sector group that we have convened today is brand new, ANSI's involvement with standardization for energy – and alternative energy resources – is not. In fact, we've recently renewed our commitment to support hydrogen codes and standards activities . . . a program that you heard about this morning.

We have a broad spectrum of work to address here, as well.

We must be comprehensive in our definition of the standards, testing procedures, analytic methods and reference materials that are needed to support the biofuels industry.

There is much to be done . . . and little time to do it. The current administration is expecting deliverables by the end of this year. To meet these timelines, we must recognize ongoing efforts as we work towards convergence among national interests.

Many consumer and industry groups – and some federal agencies – are pursuing separate biofuels solutions and strategies. All of these efforts are worthwhile. But to ensure the highest degree of success for our nation and for our industries it is imperative that we agree to work collaboratively.

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National priorities may be driving our activities, but we also recognized today that our solutions must satisfy domestic as well as global needs.

This Panel must coordinate with regional and international standards setting bodies – whether through new or existing bilateral or multilateral initiatives. Only by working together can we diversify energy supplies, propel economic development, and support the large-scale commoditization of biofuels.

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This Panel will provide the forum where differences of opinion can be shared openly and where solutions to problems will be developed with input from all affected stakeholders. Its members have the vision to see what needs to be done and the willingness to push for change.

I encourage each of you to “lead with vision” . . . .

- help strengthen relationships between partner organizations in government and industry
- help pursue a level playing field that will strengthen U.S. competitiveness in the global marketplace
- help push for standards and testing programs that take into account the interests of all stakeholders
- and help develop innovative and proactive solutions to meet alternative energy standardization needs.

Together, we will develop a cooperative, information-sharing model that supports the convergence of biofuels standardization activities here in the United States and around the globe.

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Before we run off to our various planes, trains, and automobiles, I would like to thank Hratch Semerjian for his excellent leadership as chair of this meeting. Hratch, your guidance has been greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank each of you for your participation today. Your ongoing and active engagement will be invaluable as we work to assert the ANSI-BSP's position as *the* solutions provider on biofuels standardization.

ANSI looks forward to working with you to make this new panel a resounding success.

Thank you.