

## **Text Version for Biomass Program Manager Paul Bryan's Biomass 2011 Keynote Video**

*[The video shows Biomass Program Manager Paul Bryan standing at the podium at the Biomass 2011 Conference, speaking to the audience.]*

*Paul Bryan:* Our theme this year is *Replace the Whole Barrel, Supply the Whole Market*. We selected this with a great deal of thought. We think it has a lot of importance to the future of bioenergy to do that, and I will talk about that more in just a moment. It's part of what we feel is going to be necessary to allow us to move forward in the face of the economic, social, and environmental challenges that we face in this field. And it is tough times here.

It has been tough times since about 2008. I think we're turning the corner on that, and I think that's part of the reason that we see such a degree of excitement for people attending this conference. We are in the midst of what I have characterized as a 'fragile economic recovery.' Job growth so far has been weak. We have had high and pretty much unstable oil prices to contend with, with an ongoing and increasing set of environmental concerns.