







Memorandum of Understanding

The Northwest Food Processors Association (NWFPA) and the U.S. Department of Energy enter into this memorandum of understanding to work collaboratively to reduce energy intensity by 25 percent within ten years. DOE enters into this Agreement under the authority of section 106 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. No. 109-58, 42 U.S.C. § 15811).

Save Energy Now is the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) national initiative to promote and support reductions in industrial energy intensity throughout the United States. As part of the Save Energy Now program, DOE invites national associations, state and local government agencies, supply chain organizations, non-profit organizations, and other groups to work together in helping industry reduce its energy intensity. NWFPA has agreed to work collaboratively with DOE to reduce energy intensity among its member organizations.

In support of these efforts, DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), the Office of Science's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), the Office of Nuclear Energy's Idaho National Laboratory (INL), the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and NWFPA hereby enter into a voluntary collaborative agreement to work toward energy-intensive goals that may significantly contribute to reducing energy and carbon intensity in the northwest region.

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) works to deliver an adequate, efficient, economical, and reliable power supply to its customers in the Pacific Northwest. BPA's actions advance a Northwest power system that is a national leader in providing high reliability, low rates consistent with sound business principles, responsible environmental stewardship, and accountability to the region.

The Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) and the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) are DOE-owned, contractor-operated research facilities. Both PNNL and INL work to advance clean and safe energy sources and management.

EERE, PNNL, INL, and NWFPA express their intent to develop a framework for identifying and pursuing a diverse range of opportunities for energy efficiency within the food processing industry. EERE, PNNL, INL, and NWFPA intend to work collaboratively and the activities may include, as appropriate to each party, efforts to:

- Pursue the identification, development, and demonstration of advanced technologies and scientific insights that can lead to large energy efficiency gains;
- Recruit companies to become Save Energy Now Leaders;
- Support companies that have pledged to become a Save Energy Now LEADER, including
 developing energy-use baselines and energy management plans, and reporting energy data and
 progress;
- Publicize the financial and technical resources that are available in the region to assist companies in improving energy efficiency, including plant assessments;
- Identify near-term, cost-effective opportunities to save energy;

- Provide training on how to use software tools to analyze the energy systems commonly used in the food processing industry, as well as training on other topics such as financing and energy management; and
- Work to identify procedures and metrics to recognize progress towards achieving the goal.

This Agreement in no way restricts any of the Parties from participating in any activity with other public or private agencies, organizations, or individuals.

This Agreement is neither a fiscal nor a funds obligation document. Nothing in this Agreement authorizes or is intended to obligate the Parties to expend, exchange, or reimburse funds, services, or supplies, or transfer or receive anything of value.

This Agreement is strictly for internal management purposes of the each of the Parties. It is not legally enforceable and shall not be construed to create any legal obligation on the part of either Party. This Agreement shall not be construed to provide a private right or cause of action for or by any person or entity.

All agreements herein are subject to, and will be carried out in compliance with, all applicable laws, regulations, and other legal requirements. Non-Federal signatories agree that they will not claim or imply that their participation in the Save Energy Now program constitutes Federal government approval or endorsement of anything other than its commitment to energy efficiency and will not make any statements or imply that DOE endorses the purchase or sale of products and services or the organization's view.

This compact shall become effective upon execution by representatives of DOE and NWFPA. It shall remain in effect for two years, but may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

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