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Ethanol facility receives plug in governor's address by Andrew Henderson

Northeast Biofuels' attempt to convert the former Miller Brewing facility into a \$140 million ethanol production plant received a plug from Governor George Pataki in his State of the State address Wednesday.

During the economic-development and technology portion of his address, the governor noted that two groups were planning to establish ethanol facilities.

"In Fulton and Seneca Falls, we are working with the Syracuse Center of Excellence to establish two new ethanol facilities," the governor said. "In Fulton, the old Miller brewery is set to become the largest producer of ethanol in the east.

"These announcements are proof-positive that our high-tech and Center of Excellence programs are working, attracting investment from around the globe, and transforming our economy to meet the challenges of the 21st century," he added.

Ethanol is a product that is added to gasoline to increase its oxygenate characteristics and octane levels. Ethanol is a requirement for all gasoline sold in New York State since it has outlawed methyl tertiary butyl ether, a toxic chemical used as an oxygenate to enhance the cleaner burning of the fuel.

Following the State of State Address, Senator Jim Wright said he applauded the governor for focusing on alternative energy technology in central and northern New York.

"Each of these issues have great economic importance to the region through investment, job retention, and creation," said Sen. Wright. "The future development of biofuels at the former Miller plant in Volney and the development of new biodiesel technology through Clarkson University will benefit the region economically by creating new jobs and expanding markets for local farmers.

"As new research and technology leads to the production of renewable energy resources, our region will lead the way in the development and implementation of this new science," the senator added. "As the chairman of the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee, I am pleased to have worked with each of these companies."

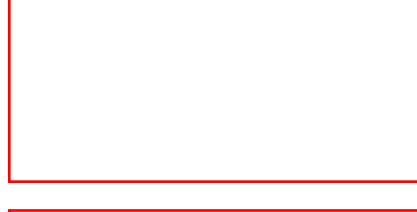
Northeast Biofuels announced late last year that it has finalized partner-supplier agreements with Perdue Farms and BOC Gases. In addition, officials reported that the environmental permitting process is now complete, paving the way for construction of the \$140 million plant, which would have the capacity to produce more than 100 million gallons of ethanol per year.

Northeast Biofuels and Perdue Farms, based in Salisbury, Md., reached an

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agreement where Perdue would be taking full responsibility for purchasing, transporting, and storing Northeast Biofuels' corn requirements. Perdue plans to provide Northeast Biofuels with 41 million bushels of corn annually.

In addition to outsourcing the corn, Perdue, most known for its poultry products, will locate its northeast headquarters for its grains origination and animal feed distribution division at the Riverview Business Park, the site of the proposed ethanol plant.

One of the products Perdue will market as a nutritional supplement for dairy and other livestock will be distiller's dried grains, a co-product of the ethanol-manufacturing process.

BOC Gases and Northeast Biofuels reached a contract for BOC Gases to purchase carbon dioxide that is produced during the production of ethanol. BOC Gases is the world's largest marketer of industrial gases and the largest marketer of carbon dioxide in the northeast. The company plans to construct a \$14 million carbon-dioxide liquefaction plant adjacent to the proposed ethanol plant.

When it reaches full capacity of 100 million gallons of ethanol per year, Northeast Biofuels will produce the largest carbon dioxide stream in the northeast.

"This will be a major boon to the central New York economy, creating new jobs and offering farmers—a vital part of the Upstate economy—a new market for their



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