



### In the Spotlight: Zia Haq

Zia Haq, Lead Analyst and DPA Coordinator, is in the spotlight this month as part of our video series featuring Bioenergy Technologies Office staff. Watch [Episode 4](#) of the Office's Staff Spotlight Series to hear about Zia's vision for the Office and why he first became interested in the bioenergy field.

Did you miss the first three episodes? Watch them on the [Bioenergy KDF's YouTube channel](#).

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### Biomass Program is now “Bioenergy Technologies Office” – **BETO!**

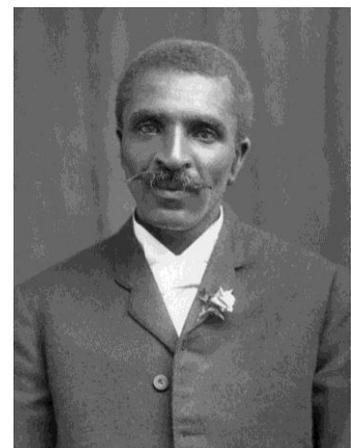
*Please let us introduce ourselves, we've got a different name,  
Though much within our hallowed halls remains about the same.*

*No “Program” now, an “Office” we have finally become,  
Though learning “BETO's” acronym is challenging for some.  
The problem came when Buildings had become the “BTO,”  
And Biomass, the office, needed somewhere new to go.*

*Now proudly “Bioenergy” our masthead does display,  
Our work to help this industry advance and lead the way.*

### Celebrating Black History Month with a Green Innovator

As part of Black History Month, we're celebrating inventor George Washington Carver (1864–1943) as a founder of the “chemurgy” movement, the branch of applied chemistry that derives industrial products from raw agricultural materials. Many people associate Carver with peanut butter, but later in life Carver worked to develop plant-based products that could power cars, including supporting Henry Ford's ambitions to find an agricultural substitute for gasoline.



## BioBlogs

In February, the [Bioenergy Technologies Office Blog](#) featured a post on the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's (NREL) new strain of blue-green algae, or cyanobacteria. The cyanobacteria strain marks a major development in using photosynthesis to create valuable, organic compounds for use in polymer, chemical, and biofuel production.

## Past and Upcoming Events with Bioenergy Office Representation

- The National Alliance for Advanced Biofuels and Bioproducts 3rd Annual Meeting; January 22–25, 2013; Roxanne Dempsey; Tempe, Arizona
- [Municipal Solid Waste to Biofuels and Bio-Products Summit](#); February 20–21, 2013; Brian Duff; Orlando, Florida
- [ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit](#); February 25–27, 2013; Dan Fishman, Prasad Gupte, Erin Searcy, and Joyce Yang; Washington, D.C.
- [The International Biomass Conference & Expo](#); April 8–10, 2013; Elliott Levine; Minneapolis, Minnesota
- [Advanced Biofuels Leadership Conference](#); April 15–17, 2013; Zia Haq; Washington, D.C.

## Upcoming Industry Events

- [Canadian Biogas Conference and Exhibition](#); March 4–6, 2013; London, Ontario, Canada
- [Biomass Renewable Energy Expo and Seminar](#); March 12, 2013; Loretto, Pennsylvania
- [Transportation and National Defense Forum](#); March 12–13, 2013; San Diego, California
- [8<sup>th</sup> Annual World Biofuels Market Conference](#); March 12–14, 2013; Rotterdam, Netherlands
- [La Salon Bois Energie 2013](#); March 20–24, 2013; Nantes, France
- [6<sup>th</sup> Annual Berkeley Bioeconomy Conference](#); March 27–28, 2013; Berkeley, California
- [Northeast Biomass Heating Expo and Conference](#); April 3–5, 2013; Saratoga Springs, New York
- [International Biomass Conference and Expo](#); April 8–10, 2013; Minneapolis, Minnesota
- [BIO International Convention](#); April 22–25, 2013; Chicago, Illinois
- [Heating the Midwest with Renewable Biomass Conference and Expo](#); April 24–26, 2013; Carlton, Minnesota

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