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The Canadian Renewable Fuels Association Applauds Federal Budget 2013 Commitment to Clean Technology and Innovation

OTTAWA, Ontario, March 21, 2013 – The Canadian Renewable Fuels Association (CRFA) commended the federal government's fiscally disciplined budget and applauded its commitment to commercialize renewable fuels research and technology in Canada.

As announced by Finance Minister Jim Flaherty today, Economic Action Plan 2013 provides \$325 million over eight years to Sustainable Development Technology Canada (SDTC) to support the development and demonstration of new clean technologies. Also positive is the proposed expansion of eligibility criteria for the accelerated capital cost allowance for clean energy generation equipment to include a broader range of stationary equipment that generates or conserves energy by using renewable sources or fuels from waste.

"This proposed investment in SDTC is another sound decision by the Conservative government to encourage the domestic production of biofuels," said CRFA President W. Scott Thurlow. "Our members have used SDTC to build out their facilities in Canada, contributing directly to our economy, creating income in rural Canada, and making proven and meaningful reductions to greenhouse gas emissions across the country. This announcement will ensure the next generation of renewable fuels producers will be able to leverage this successful program to commercialize their new research and technology pathways."

As CRFA submitted to the House of Commons Finance Committee, a secure and sustainable energy future is critical if we are to address our environmental challenges, meet our energy needs, and successfully compete in the global bio-economy. To accomplish this, federal initiatives that cultivate promising clean technology like SDTC are essential.

The CRFA's pre-budget submission was presented to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance on Wednesday, October 24, 2012 and can be viewed at http://www.parl.gc.ca/Content/HOC/Committee/411/FINA/WebDoc/WD5709773/411_FINA_PBC2012_Briefs/CanadianRenewableFuelsAssociationE.pdf

About the CRFA

Founded in 1984, the Canadian Renewable Fuels Association (CRFA) is a non-profit organization with a mission to promote the use of renewable fuels for transportation through consumer awareness and government liaison activities.

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