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ICM, Inc. Signs Contract with the U.S. Department of Energy for \$31 Million Cooperative Agreement

Construction to Commence August 2010 on Pilot Plant in St. Joseph, MO for Production of Fuel Ethanol from High-Impact Cellulosic Feedstocks

(Colwich, Kan. –June 8, 2010) – ICM, Inc. is pleased to announce that it has signed a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to receive \$25 million to fund the construction and operation of its cellulosic ethanol pilot and demonstration facility in St. Joseph, Missouri. ICM will modify its existing dry fractionation grain-to-ethanol pilot plant located at LifeLine Foods LLC, in St. Joseph, to produce fuel ethanol from captive corn fiber and two high-impact cellulosic feedstocks, switchgrass and energy sorghum. ICM's strategy of co-locating the cellulosic biorefinery with its existing grain-to-ethanol pilot biorefinery will efficiently accelerate pilot-scale operations and improve process economics. ICM has developed new technology and will be testing pretreatment, hydrolysis, and fermentation processes, which are the critical unit operations required for the cost effective production of ethanol from cellulosic feedstocks.

ICM expects this technology to be scalable for commercial applications and is contributing \$6 million of its own funds as the cost-share portion for this integrated biorefinery project.

ICM, a leading ethanol industry design/build firm with process technology in use at more than 102 biorefineries across North America, will utilize its experience to construct, operate, and validate cellulosic ethanol production technologies at the St. Joseph, MO project site. Construction will begin in August 2010, and the anticipated demonstration phase is scheduled to begin in January 2011; fully integrated campaigns will commence by the 4th quarter 2011. The \$31million cooperative agreement is administered by the DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Novozymes North America, Inc., an industry leader in the development, production, and distribution of enzymes, is ICM's subawardee for this project.

Dave Vander Griend, president and CEO of ICM said, "We're excited to have completed the award agreement with the DOE and look forward to commencing the first phase of pilot plant construction. ICM understands the importance of utilizing Recovery funds to help strengthen our nation's energy independence, foster job creation across rural America, and produce cleaner, more sustainable fuel. DOE's funding of this award will help our industry continue to displace imported petroleum with domestically produced fuels and help accelerate ethanol production targets that were mandated in the federal Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS)."

About ICM, Inc.:

Established in 1995 and headquartered in Colwich, Kan., ICM, Inc., provides innovative technologies, solutions, and services to sustain agriculture and advance renewable energy, including food and feed technologies that will increase the supply of world protein. By providing proprietary process technology to

102 facilities with a combined production capacity of approximately 6.6 billion gallons of annual ethanol production, ICM has become a world leader in biorefining technology. The full-service provider also offers a comprehensive line of more than 100 products and services tailored to make biofuels production more efficient and more profitable. ICM is further upholding its responsibility as an industry leader by heavily investing in the continued advancement of renewable energy technologies. In an effort to speed that advance, ICM has been conducting research and testing at its two state-of-the-art research facilities in Colwich, KS and St. Joseph, MO, in conjunction with a growing list of strategic partners spanning multiple industries. For more information, please visit icminc.com.

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