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ICM, Inc. Selected as a U.S. Department of Energy Funding Award Recipient
Eager to Continue Mission of Sustaining Agriculture through Innovation

(Colwich, Kan. – December 4, 2009) – ICM, Inc. is pleased to announce that it is among 19 awardees selected by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for a pilot/demonstration scale facility through the DOE's Biomass Funding Opportunity Announcement - Demonstration of Integrated Biorefinery Operations. ICM received notification today that its application has been selected for negotiations leading to an award; the DOE grant amount is \$25 million, and ICM expects to contribute more than \$6 million of its own funds as its cost-share for the advanced biorefinery project.

Dave Vander Griend, president and CEO of ICM said, "We're very excited to have been selected among a highly competitive and accomplished field of applicants for this funding award, and I'm so proud of our employees for their dedication in putting together such a solid proposal. The challenging economy that we've all experienced has been very difficult, but we have the tools available to greatly improve our economy and invest in our *own* future. We can produce homegrown fuels that can ultimately reduce our dependence on foreign oil, create job sustainability, and expand new opportunities for rural America.

The large investment in the advanced biorefinery projects from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the Biorefinery Assistance Program authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill, are a testament to the government's support of *sustaining agriculture through innovation* – which has always been the cornerstone of ICM's mission," continued Vander Griend.

Because the road to U.S. energy independence can most efficiently be completed by building on the renewable fuel already being produced by U.S. corn-based ethanol plants, ICM is intentionally co-locating its cellulosic ethanol demonstration project with ICM's 1 million gallon per year corn-to-ethanol pilot ethanol plant that it operates at LifeLine Foods' ethanol manufacturing facility in St. Joseph, MO. This strategic co-location will demonstrate the capability of an existing corn-based ethanol facility at pilot scale to increase its total renewable fuels capacity by also producing fuel-grade ethanol from non-food cellulose materials, including switchgrass, forage sorghum, and corn fiber. The co-located cellulose demonstration scale project will not impact Lifeline's 50 million gallon per year production capacity of ethanol in its corn-based facility at St. Joseph, MO.

ICM looks forward to collaborating with the DOE for the negotiation phase of the award over the next few months.

About ICM, Inc.:

Established in 1995 and headquartered in Colwich, Kan., ICM, Inc., has focused on sustaining agriculture through innovation by engineering, building, and supporting the renewable fuel industry's leading biorefineries. Proprietary ICM process technology is behind approximately 6.6 billion gallons of ethanol production per year. Additionally, ICM backs every facility they design with the most aggressive yield, energy, and emissions guarantees available. 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 and St. Joseph, MO, in conjunction with a growing list of strategic partners spanning multiple industries. For more information, visit icminc.com.

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