



## **Kentucky Partners Release the 25x'25 Roadmap for Kentucky**

The Kentucky Rural Energy Consortium (KREC) in association with the Kentucky Pollution Prevention Center, the Governor's Office of Energy Policy (now the Division of Energy Development and Independence), the Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy, the University of Louisville's J.B. Speed School of Engineering, and the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture, has taken the lead to develop a plan that will help Kentucky use renewable energy and energy efficiency to secure an economically and environmentally sustainable energy future.

The *25x'25 Roadmap for Kentucky: Charting Kentucky's Renewable Energy Future* was created as a guide for stakeholders to find common ground for cooperation and to provide information vital to future planning and decision-making in support of an achievable energy goal for the Commonwealth: ***“By the year 2025, Kentucky will use renewable energy and energy efficiency as means to get at least 25 percent of its total energy from improved technologies and renewable resources such as solar, wind, biomass and biofuels.”*** The *Roadmap* offers a range of options for seizing existing opportunities and initiating new ones.

The potential in Kentucky for achieving energy demand reduction, biofuel production, and a reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is significant. To realize this potential, the *Roadmap* outlines near-term recommendations to help begin the process and to guide Kentucky toward achieving the 25x'25 goal:

- 1. Support the Center for Renewable Energy Research and Environmental Stewardship**
- 2. Increase the Level of Highly Qualified Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Expertise**
- 3. Establish Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Outreach Programs**
- 4. Encourage Energy Efficient Homes and Buildings**
- 5. Support Expanded Use of Biofuels**

The National 25x'25 Alliance is proud to work with the agriculture, forestry, and renewable energy leaders in Kentucky. To download a copy of the 25x'25 Roadmap for Kentucky and to get more information about the development of the Roadmap, go to <http://www.bae.uky.edu/BAEHome.htm>.