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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the "Cellulose Nanomaterial – A Path Towards Commercialization" Workshop. This important workshop brings together high level executives from government and multiple industrial sectors to identify viable pathways for the commercialization of cellulose nanomaterials. The event will take place on May 20-21, 2014 at the USDA Patriot Plaza Conference Center, 355 E Street, SW, Washington, DC.

Cellulose nanomaterials are renewable materials that exhibit unique properties. They can be produced in large quantities and have application potential in a broad range of products and across multiple industry sectors. Last December, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Thomas Vilsack [announced](#) the formation of P3Nano, a public private-partnership between the USDA Forest Service and the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities to rapidly advance the commercialization of cellulose nanomaterials. This workshop, organized in collaboration with and co-sponsored by the National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI), will not only support P3Nano goals but will also support the goals of the [NNI Sustainable Nanomanufacturing Signature Initiative](#) and facilitate communication across industry sectors to determine common challenges. The inter-agency NNI is managed within the framework of the Cabinet-level National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) in the WhiteHouse Office of Science and Technology Policy.

The primary goals of the workshop are to identify critical information gaps and technical barriers in the commercialization of cellulose nanomaterials with expert input from user communities. We plan to use the outcome of the workshop to guide research planning in P3Nano and in the Federal Government. The current agenda for the workshop is enclosed with this letter.

On behalf of the USDA Forest Service, thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration to participate in this workshop. If you are unable to participate, we would be grateful if you could forward this invitation to an appropriate representative in your company or organization.

Sincerely,

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