



## **Biomass Power Association Commends Administration for Including Biomass in Its Pledge to Use Renewable Sources for 20% of Federal Government Power by 2020**

**Washington, DC – December 5, 2013** – Bob Cleaves, President and CEO of Biomass Power Association, today issued the following statement in response to a Memorandum from President Obama calling for 20 percent of the federal government’s power consumption to come from renewable sources -- including biomass -- by the year 2020:

“If the federal government is to meet President Obama’s ambitious but attainable goal of using renewable sources for 20 percent of its power by the year 2020, biomass will be an important part of the solution. Already, energy generated from wood and other organic sources is increasingly sought after by the government because of its reliability and its environmental benefits like maintaining forest health on federal lands.

“We thank President Obama for supporting biomass as a renewable energy solution, and we look forward to helping the federal government lead by example.”

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*Biomass power is a \$1 billion industry with 80 facilities in 20 states and provides over 15,500 jobs nationwide. Power plants are predominantly located in rural communities, creating thousands of jobs and producing millions in revenue for small towns. Biomass power is a clean and abundant source of electricity that will allow states to pursue even more aggressive goals for increasing their use of renewable energy in the future.*