

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to Highlight How Biobased Products are Bringing Back Manufacturing

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WASHINGTON, April 18, 2012 – ON FRIDAY, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack will highlight how manufacturing products from biobased materials can strengthen American agriculture and create jobs across the country. Vilsack will visit Kemin, a Des Moines, Iowa company that is embracing innovation, researching how to use plant-based materials to manufacture ingredients used in dietary supplements and in personal care products for Americans, as well as in agriculture. They are part of a broader biobased economy that supports tens of thousands of American jobs producing the energy and goods that the world needs from renewable resources grown here at home. Right now, Kemin is implementing a 5-year expansion plan that will add 6 new manufacturing facilities, 3 new research facilities and a new corporate headquarters building in southeast Des Moines. The company's expansion will create 98 new jobs in the areas of research, marketing, information technology as well as other support functions.

Friday, April 20, 2012
11:30 a.m. CDT

WHAT: Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack will highlight how the biobased economy is creating jobs in Iowa during a visit to Kemin, a Des Moines, Iowa company that is using plant-based materials to manufacture ingredients used by Americans and in agriculture.

WHERE: Kemin, 2100 Maury Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50317.