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Senator Gleason Announces \$951,500 in Federal Funding for Energy Research in Flint

Michigan to receive \$2.5 million to build upon the Michigan's Centers of Energy Excellence Program

LANSING, Mich. -- Senator John Gleason (D-Flushing) today announced that the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) awarded Flint \$951,500 in federal funds to support the Biogas Center of Excellence which works alongside Kettering University to advance the use of biogas. This federal appropriation builds upon an earlier award of \$3 million to Swedish Biogas International for the biogas production facility at Flint Township's wastewater treatment plant.

"Michigan's future is largely dependent on the growth and development of innovative renewable energy solutions," said Gleason. "These federal funds will not only help turn Michigan into a leader in this sector, but it will also help diversify our economy as a whole and create new jobs for our workers."

MEDC will receive nearly \$2.5 million in federal funding to build upon work launched through Michigan's Centers of Energy Excellence (COEE) program. The COEE program, which is bringing companies, academic institutions and the state together to support cutting-edge research and development and pioneer new alternative-energy technology, was appropriated the funding in the federal omnibus budget bill signed by President Obama.

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