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Brett Lund, Gevo EVP & General Counsel Awarded "Best Corporate Counsel"

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Lund Receives Award at 2nd Annual Denver Business Journal's Award Program

ENGLEWOOD, Colo., Apr 23, 2012 (BUSINESS WIRE) --Gevo, Inc. (NASDAQ: GEVO), a leading renewable chemicals and advanced biofuels company, is pleased to announce that Executive Vice President and General Counsel Brett Lund recently received the Denver Business Journal's (DBJ) "Best Corporate Counsel" award at a ceremony in Denver. Lund was recognized for his strong business acumen, intellectual property expertise, strategic deal making, Securities and Exchange Commission acumen, human resources knowledge, and experience in raising money.

"It was an honor to receive the DBJ's Best Corporate Counsel award for public companies," said Lund. "It's a humbling experience to be recognized for my contributions at Gevo, within the community and amongst my peers. I attribute my success to the collaborative culture and leadership at Gevo."

The DBJ's selection was attributed to Lund's efforts in defending Gevo's intellectual property against patent-infringement lawsuits filed by Butamax(TM) Advanced Biofuels, LLC (Butamax). Lund built up Gevo's intellectual property portfolio to include over 300 hundred patents and applications. Gevo filed counterclaims against Butamax and E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company (DuPont) for infringement of two of its patents and has added an additional four patent infringement lawsuits against Butamax and DuPont.

Lund was also recognized for helping Gevo raise approximately \$100 million in venture financing and engineering the company's initial public offering in early 2011, which raised \$123 million and was only the second IPO for a next-generation biofuels company. The DBJ also highlighted Lund's contribution to the company's growth by negotiating deals with the U.S. Air Force for Gevo to develop renewable jet fuel and with Coca-Cola to make 100% renewable plastic bottles as well as with Lanxess AG of Germany, to produce renewable tires.

"Brett's expertise in patent law, strategic alliances, securities and finance has been instrumental in building Gevo and establishing our path forward," said Dr. Patrick Gruber, Gevo's CEO. "It's wonderful that the DBJ has recognized Brett's contribution to his profession, the community and most importantly to Gevo."

Lund has a J.D. from Duke Law School and an MBA from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. His previous experience includes Johnson & Johnson and Syngenta, one of the world's largest agribusiness companies, Ford Motor Company's Wingcast subsidiary, and as a corporate attorney at Cooley, LLP. Some of his community activities include talking to groups at the South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce and Southeast Business Partnerships as well as a spokesman for the Douglas County's Success Stories business program.

The candidates were judged for their community involvement, leadership in business, company accomplishments, important legal matters handled and other general information about their position as in-house counsel. After scoring each nominee, three judges along with DJB editors discussed the merits of each candidate before selecting finalist and then deciding on the winners.

The judges included Sam Chervis, past president and treasurer of the Association of Corporate Counsel-Colorado and general counsel for Integrated Asset Services; Kathleen Nalty, executive director of the Center for Legal Inclusiveness; and Jill Sisson, a private practice attorney specializing in corporate and securities law and former head of the Business Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association and a member of the executive committee and Board of Governors.

To review the entire article as posted in the DBJ, go to <http://www.bizjournals.com/denver/print-edition/2012/04/20/brett-lund-combines-business-savvy.html>

About Gevo

Gevo is converting existing ethanol plants into biorefineries to make renewable building block products for the chemical and fuel industries. The Company plans to convert renewable raw materials into isobutanol and renewable hydrocarbons that can be directly integrated on a "drop in" basis into existing chemical and fuel products to deliver environmental and economic benefits. Gevo is committed to a sustainable biobased economy that meets society's needs for plentiful food and clean air and water. For more information, visit www.gevo.com

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