

First Ever George Washington Carver Award Goes to Gevo CEO Pat Gruber

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Denver, CO USA – April 28, 2008 – Gevo, Inc. announced today that Dr. Patrick Gruber, CEO, has been awarded the first ever George Washington Carver award. Created by BIO, the world's largest biotech organization, the award recognizes significant contributions by individuals in the field of industrial biotechnology and its application in biological engineering, environmental science, biorefining and biobased products.

According to BIO, this new Award is intended to honor the original vision of George Washington Carver who, over a century ago, pioneered the creation and commercialization of sustainable biobased products and materials and energy derived from renewable agricultural feedstocks.

As CEO of Gevo, Inc., Gruber is leading the company's vision of creating a sustainable replacement path for petrochemicals like gasoline, diesel and chemical intermediates through the development of advanced biofuels and green chemicals. Gevo's current focus is the development of biologically-produced isobutanol for use as a fuel and green chemical intermediate. "Industrial biotechnology holds tremendous potential for enabling our ability to create energy and materials from annually renewable resources," said Gruber. "This approach to alternative energy development offers consumers, existing energy infrastructure, agriculture and rural America benefits our current petroleum-based economy can't offer."

After earning his doctorate in chemistry from the University of Minnesota, Gruber has dedicated his career to developing new materials and chemicals from annually renewable resources like agricultural crops. While employed by Cargill, Inc. he led the company's development of creating the world's largest bio-refinery for producing new materials like PLA and chemicals like lactic acid. This new industrial process opened the door for widespread adoption of plastics and fibers manufactured from industrial biotechnology.

"Dr. Gruber has dedicated his career to creating sustainable alternatives to petroleum-based chemicals and materials," said Doug Cameron, Khosla Ventures. "Pat has a passion and drive for creating new bio-based alternatives that compete with petroleum-based materials on cost, performance and environmental benefits."

Over his career, Dr. Gruber has received extensive recognition for his leadership and vision in biotechnology. In addition to this award, Gruber has been awarded the Presidential Green Chemistry Award, The Discover Award for Environmental Innovation, The Lee W. Rivers Innovation Award. In addition, Dr. Gruber holds more than 50 U.S. patents, with a number of others pending.

Formed in 2005, Gevo is dedicated to bringing renewable cost-effective alternatives for fossil fuels and chemicals to consumers worldwide. "Our goal is to meet increasing energy demands while reducing our impact on the earth," said Gruber. We will accomplish this by converting renewable resources into fuels and green chemicals." For more information about Gevo, Inc. please visit www.Gevo.com.

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