



Baker Institute to host biofuels conference

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The politics and economics of biofuels are on the agenda for a Sept. 25-26 conference at Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy.

Speakers will discuss the commercial possibilities and the political realities of converting to biofuels, including how much the transition from fossil fuels would cost, who is pushing it and how soon it could happen. They will also look at the latest scientific advances in the field.

Titled "Biomass to Chemicals and Fuels: Science, Technology and Public Policy," the conference will be held in Baker Hall's Doré Commons.

The U.S. Energy Department's assistant secretary for energy efficiency and renewable energy, Alexander Karsner, will deliver the keynote speech at 9 a.m. Monday, Sept. 25.

The conference will also include speakers from major biofuels manufacturing companies

For the complete list of topics and speakers, visit

http://www.rice.edu/energy/events/upcoming/biofuels_092506.html.