



### The BIO George Washington Carver Award

**What:** The **BIO George Washington Carver Award** was created to recognize significant contributions by individuals in the field of industrial biotechnology and its application in biological engineering, environmental science, biorefining and biobased products. This award emphasizes the important goal of using biotech innovation to develop sustainable bio-based value-chains. By honoring those who have worked successfully toward this goal in the private sector, government or academia, this award will serve as a lasting memorial to 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.

**Who:** Just as George Washington Carver exhibited vision, creativity and persistence, nominees should exhibit traits of innovation and pioneering efforts in the field of industrial biotechnology and related areas. Those submitting nominations should single out individuals who have demonstrated significant accomplishments in innovation or business development and who have employed industrial biotechnology to facilitate the advancement of a biobased economy and industrial sustainability. Written nominations should highlight contributions of the nominee to the important goal of using industrial biotechnology innovation to develop sustainable bio-based value-chains. In addition, examples of the pioneering and entrepreneurial spirit of the nominee should be articulated. **Note:** *Awardees are expected to commit to giving fifteen minutes of remarks at a plenary session when they accept the award in person at the World Congress.*

**When:** Applications are due February 6, 2014.

**Where:** In 2014 the George Washington Carver Award will be presented at the *BIO World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology*, which will be held May 12-15, 2014 in Philadelphia, PA. At the time of presentation, held at a plenary luncheon either Tuesday, May 13 or Wednesday May, 14, the recipient will deliver a fifteen minute acceptance speech.

**How:** Nominations for the 2014 George Washington Carver Award recipient can be submitted October 2013 - February 6, 2014. Please fill the form out electronically and e-mail it to [worldcongress@bio.org](mailto:worldcongress@bio.org) attached as a Word document. The application can be found at: [2014 George Washington Carver Nomination Form.](#)

#### Past recipients include:

2013: Dr. Jay D. Keasling, University of California, Berkeley  
2012: Steen Riisgaard, President & CEO, Novozymes  
2011: Feike Sijbesma, CEO, DSM  
2010: Greg Stephanopoulos, MIT  
2009: Charles Holliday, Jr., Former CEO, DuPont  
2008: Patrick Gruber, CEO, Gevo Inc.

