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KAP to Research Alt-Energy & Farm Transfers

Winnipeg – Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) is delving into research on issues that are important to Manitoba’s farmers, to help inform policy development at the organization. Two requests for proposals, focusing on alternate energy and the needs of young farmers, were released today.

The first project calls for a researched report that addresses the development of the biodiesel and biomass industry in Manitoba. Our focus is the impact **at the farm level**, to identify ways in which farmers can become successfully involved with these new opportunities.

The second project will compile an all-inclusive list and analysis of the various options for young and beginning farmers, including available resources, various business structures and tax incentives, the identification of any gaps that currently exist, the process for intergenerational transfer, and mentoring services.

Proposals from interested researchers and consultants will be accepted by the KAP office until Friday, June 29 at 3:00 pm. A copy of the Requests for Proposals, *Research on On-Farm & Rural Benefits Related to Biodiesel & Biomass Production* and *Research on Business Options & Benefits for Beginning Farmers & Intergenerational Transfers*, are available from KAP’s web site at www.kap.mb.ca.

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