Project Title: “Improving the Efficiency of Planting, Tending and Harvesting Farm-Grown Trees for Energy”

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Congressional District: 6 (Equipment Building Location; Big Lake, MN)

MILESTONE 22 – SUMMARY REPORT
Tractor Rental

Executive Summary:

The tractor required for land tending and harvesting assistance in the 4th and 5th years of the contract has met the rental requirement detailed in milestone 22 as a result of the purchase of a tractor at the beginning of the project.

Technical Progress:

A John Deere Tractor Model 8130 was purchased by EPS at a price of $143,000 ($70,000 down and $73,000 in payments starting in May 2006 as first described in Milestone 3 submitted in April 2006. The tractor has been used for site preparation and tree slip planting in the first, second and third years of this contract and will be used for tending activities and harvesting assistance in the 4th and 5th years of the contract. Payment of $14,872.00 is being requested per the contract agreement.

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