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Junyong (JY) Zhu joined the US Forest Service Forest Products Laboratory in February 2003 as a project leader and later was selected as a scientific team leader. Currently, he also holds an Adjunct Professorship at the Dept. of Biological Systems Engineering at The University of Wisconsin, Madison. Before working for the Forest Products Laboratory, he was a faculty member at the Institute of Paper Science and Technology (now Part of Georgia Institute of Technology), Atlanta, GA, for about 10 years. He has broad scientific expertise in wood and

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David J. Jenkins is the Director of Commercialization and Market Development for the Wisconsin Office of Energy Independence, an office created by Governor Jim Doyle in April 2007 to advance renewable energy and bio-products development in Wisconsin. His current responsibilities include expanding markets for renewable energy in Wisconsin, assisting entrepreneurs and businesses in commercializing new fuel and power technologies, helping to direct federal and state funding to increasing Wisconsin's renewable resources, and serving as a part of a team to advance the goal of obtaining 25% of Wisconsin's transportation fuels and electric power from renewable sources by 2025.

From 1995-2007 he was the manager of the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association. Prior to that he worked in the petroleum marketing business for ten years, and served as a Congressional staff member.