21—12.3(159A) General provisions. Financial support for planning and technical assistance for persons interested in developing renewable fuel or coproduct industries in the state of Iowa.

12.3(1) A person applying for assistance must satisfy the following requirements:

a. Applicant must be interested in developing a value-added industry located in Iowa by:

(1) Producing a product from an agricultural commodity which was not previously produced from an agricultural commodity; or

(2) Using a new process to produce a product derived from an agricultural process which is not commonly used to produce that product; or

(3) Establishing or expanding a renewable fuel production facility.

b. Applicant must submit a Planning and Technical Assistance Application, a Memorandum of Understanding, and cooperate in development or refinement of a business plan.

12.3(2) REVAMP assistance is available as follows:

a. The office may provide up to $1,000 for a contracted consulting agency to provide technical and business planning assistance for a business's proposed project.

b. Upon the recommendation of a consulting agency and upon concurrence of the department, additional moneys may be made available for planning and technical assistance for each company's business plan. No more than a total of $10,000 in assistance will be provided to any one business. Consultants under contract with the office shall be reimbursed directly by the office.

c. Any and all additional costs shall be paid entirely by the applicant.

12.3(3) Applications shall be processed by the coordinator on a first-come, first-served basis, based upon the receipt of documents by the office. Application materials may be obtained from Office of Renewable Fuels and Coproducts, Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Wallace State Office Building, East 9th and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, (515)281-6936. Any person may resubmit an application with revisions as long as fees paid by the office remain under the maximum amount per project.