

FLORIDA ENERGY & CLIMATE COMMISSION

Staff Analysis

Subject: Grant Agreement S0386

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Background

The grantee, Renergie, Inc., originally requested \$2,500,000 under the competitive Florida Renewable Energy Technologies Grant Program in 2007. Renergie, Inc. was awarded a partial grant of \$1,500,483 based on available funds. Since the initial funding announcement was made in February 2008, grant funding has become available to fund the full Renergie project.

Recipient: Renergie, Inc.

Location: Alachua, Columbia, Escambia, Hamilton, Jackson, Jefferson, Madison, Suwannee, Walton and Washington counties

Grant Funds Requested: \$2,500,000

Grant Funds Awarded: \$1,500,483 (Partial Funding)

Cost Share Amount: \$11,758,239

Project Objective: The recipient will design and construct Florida's first sweet sorghum mechanical harvesting system and sweet sorghum-to-ethanol plant. Once in operation, the plant will be capable of producing five million gallons of ethanol annually.

Summary of Action

Approval is requested to amend grant agreement S0386 to increase the funding from \$1,500,483 to \$2,500,000.

As part of the Commission's delegation of authority to Executive Director to perform all functions to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the office, grant the Executive Director signature authority to sign the grant amendment.