The Department of Economics seeks candidates for the Cargill Chair in Energy Economics at the tenured associate professor or professor level. The successful candidate will lead Iowa State’s new Biobased Industry Center. As the Director of the Center, it is envisioned the Cargill Chair will bring together researchers from relevant areas of the University to address important issues relating to future energy markets as well as the biobased products industry and its competitors. Among other important issues, technological innovation and adoption in the chemical and energy sectors and government policy related to climate change and other environmental factors are critical. The successful candidate will work closely with Iowa State faculty and staff as well as industry, to build a highly visible research, technology transfer, and energy policy program.

The successful candidate will have a distinguished research record in energy economics and/or related fields. Priority will be given to candidates whose research emphasizes systems approaches to production and distribution and/or the structure and performance of nonrenewable and renewable energy and product markets.

The successful candidate will be expected to teach energy economics. The candidate will use the resources of the Center to publish research and develop educational materials, seminars and workshops that support Center activities across the university, the state of Iowa, and beyond.

The Director of the Biobased Industry Center will lead a nationally recognized program that attracts significant private and public funding. We expect that the Center will become a key partner in major national and global initiatives and a global leader in research related in the economics of the biobased industry and the energy and product markets in which it operates.

Applicants should have a PhD in economics, energy economics or related fields, a distinguished research record, experience in securing and managing grants and contracts, and demonstrated ability to conduct and manage interdisciplinary research. Experience that demonstrates leadership, organization, and communication skills is essential. Applicants should e-mail a letter of application, curriculum vita, and examples of scholarly publications, grant and contract experience, and evidence of teaching effectiveness, if available, to energy@econ.iastate.edu (pdf format preferred). Applicants should also submit the names of at least three references.

Review of applications will begin 15 November 2008 and will continue until the position is filled. Iowa State University is an equal opportunity – affirmative action employer. CONTACT: Arne Hallam, (515) 294-5861, ahallam@iastate.edu, or John Miranowski, (515) 294-6132, jmirski@iastate.edu. For more information about the Department of Economics see http://www.econ.iastate.edu.