

# barometer

## Ingreenuity

POET Biorefineries are working hard to reduce their utilities. The amount they saved in power, water and gas between 2009 and 2010 could supply thousands of homes.

- 78,000,000 less kilowatt-hours of Electricity  
– approx 7,000 homes electric use for a year
- 820,000 less MMBTU (Million Metric British Thermal Units) of Natural Gas  
– approx 11,000 homes gas use for a year
- 2,000,000 gallons less water  
– approx 3,000 homes water use for a year

## Hoosiers Hired!

When a new POET Biorefinery looks for their winning team, the first stop is the local community. POET Biorefining – Cloverdale, Indiana partnered with WorkOne to find the perfect match for the jobs available.

Because of their efforts to create employment opportunities for local Hoosiers, POET Biorefining – Cloverdale was awarded with the WorkOne Achievement Award.

They were one of twelve awards presented and were nominated by their local Indiana Department of Workforce Development's WorkOne center.

## EXCELLING IN SAFETY

POET Biorefineries take safety very seriously. Several locations have gone YEARS, yes years, without a lost time accident.

# 6

Over 6 years:

- Hudson, S.D.
- Caro, Mich.

# 4

Over 4 years:

- Groton, S.D.
- Preston, Minn.
- Jewell, Iowa
- Laddonia, Mo.

# 5

Over 5 years:

- Bingham Lake, Minn.
- Emmetsburg, Iowa

# 3

Over 3 years:

- Glenville, Minn.
- Macon, Mo.

## Fighting Fire

Helping keep their local volunteer fire department at the forefront of new technologies, POET Biorefining – Hudson, S.D. helped the Hudson Fire Department acquire a thermal imaging infrared camera to detect hot spots in a fire. Or in a life threatening situation, find an unconscious person for fire fighters to rescue.



## ▲ Energy Efficient

POET Biorefining – Coon Rapids, Iowa made so many energy efficiency improvements that they qualified for a rebate program with their local electrical provider, Raccoon Valley Electric Cooperative. Pictured receiving the check for POET Biorefining – Coon Rapids are Owen Shunkwiler, General Manager and Brian Potthoff, Maintenance Manager.

## ...because it truly IS a “Wonderful Life!”

This is the phrase that began Marr Snyder’s facebook post shortly before Christmas. POET Biorefining – Chancellor, S.D had chosen them as one of their Angel Tree families for the holiday season. Very deserving of the nomination, this local family was struggling with cancer treatments and needed a little extra cheer this year.

“We are, needless to say, pretty blown away,” Snyder says in his post. “We don’t have any roots here, and have only lived here for three years. We’ve been so welcomed and so taken in by this whole place.”

The family received gifts, homemade cookies and a gift card.

“We’re absolutely blessed to be at the right place at the right time,” he posts. “And I’m not sure we’ll ever really be able to express our thanks.”

