

BioPreferred Program - Pioneer's List

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Ming Shen
Cortec Corporation

Dear Ming Shen,

Congratulations! You may not realize it, but Cortec Corporation was one of the first 500 companies to earn the right to display the USDA Certified Biobased Product label on a certified product.

As the USDA BioPreferred® Program celebrates the 10th Anniversary of our certification and voluntary labeling initiative, we want to recognize you as a BioPreferred Program Pioneer and show our appreciation for businesses like yours that showed faith in our mission. To mark this milestone, we are sending a special "BioPreferred Program Pioneer" promotional badge for use in your marketing and communications. This badge signifies your long-term commitment to using renewable materials, reducing our reliance on petroleum, supporting the bioeconomy, and bettering the planet through innovation.

We will highlight all 500 pioneers in the next issue of BioBuzz, our quarterly newsletter, as well as on our [website](#) and in upcoming social media posts.

When your organization took those early steps to earn certification for your biobased products, you helped grow this country's bioeconomy and establish the BioPreferred Program as the premier government authority to verify biobased product claims. Currently, the BioPreferred Program Catalog lists more than 16,000 qualified products in over 200 categories, with more than 5,000 earning certification.

And it all began when pioneers like you took that first step!

Please accept our thanks as you display this BioPreferred Program Pioneer badge proudly. We look forward to your continued participation in the Program, and your contributions toward a more sustainable future.

Very truly yours,

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