

# **Planning The Coal Fuel Alliance (CFA) Response to The Obama/Lugar Amendment**

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# Objective

To fund the Purdue portion of the three university study (Purdue University, Southern Illinois University SIU, University of Kentucky UKY) to pinpoint commercial and technical barriers to the use of transportation fuels manufactured from Illinois Basin coal

# **Deliverables (all 3 universities)**

January 17, 2006

Report to the DOE Secretary describing the methods to be used to select processes to convert coal into fuels

August 7, 2006

Draft agreements with DOE as to the projects agreed to be carried out when under the contract

# Pros and Cons

## Pros

- (1) In response to a congressional request that the 3 universities “*evaluate the commercial and technical viability of advanced technologies for the production of Fischer-Tropsch fuels from Illinois Basin Coals*”
- (2) The potential for \$85 Million in funding, a portion to be funded through CCTR
- (3) Could develop a high value added market for Illinois Basin Coal with enormous economic development potential

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## Cons

- (1) A big request for money
- (2) \$85M is authorized but not yet appropriated