Call for applications for a study visit entitled

Renewable Energies in Agriculture: Biomass

February 5th – 15th 2013
Boston, Massachusetts & Ames and Des Moines, Iowa

Up to ten relevant agricultural and energy policymakers, practitioners, environmental activists, researchers, and energy industry professionals from Ireland and Northern Ireland will be selected to travel to the United States to study renewable energies in the field of agriculture. The focus of this exchange will be on developing sustainable renewable energy initiatives in the agricultural-biomass sector. Participants will examine the economic, environmental, scientific, policy and political factors facilitating the conversion of agricultural waste to sustainable, clean energy.

The program is sponsored by the Irish Institute at the Center for Irish Programs, Boston College, and the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Program-related costs including travel, accommodation, tuition, and the majority of meals are provided.

The program is not open to U.S. citizens, Green Card holders, or past participants of U.S. Government-funded Irish Institute programs. Short-listed applicants must be available for interview either 28th November in Dublin or 29th November in Belfast. Please note that the program is by necessity highly selective, and that consequently, not all applicants will be interviewed and not all interviewees will be invited to participate.

To apply: Visit our website at www.bc.edu/irishinstitute for an application. The completed form, in addition to a letter of interest, must be returned by email to Ms. Thea Gilien at gilien@bc.edu before 5 p.m. GMT on Thursday, 1st November. The mandatory letter of interest should include: reason for application, your ability to contribute to the program, and potential for sharing your experience upon your return home. For further information, please visit our website or telephone (353) 1 614 7450.