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Green Plains to Host Ribbon Cutting Event at Atkinson, Nebraska Ethanol Plant

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 19, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. will host a ribbon cutting ceremony at its recently-acquired ethanol plant in Atkinson, Neb. on August 21, 2013. Nebraska Senator Deb Fischer will attend as the guest of honor. Green Plains commenced operations of the Atkinson plant on July 22, 2013.

"The communities of Atkinson and O'Neill were very helpful in our efforts to restart this plant over the past few weeks," said Todd Becker, Green Plains' President and Chief Executive Officer. "Our experienced team has quickly made the necessary upgrades and the Atkinson plant is running at full capacity, producing the best, most economical renewable fuel in the world. We are proud to be a part of this community and are honored to have Senator Deb Fischer join us for the occasion."

The event is open to the public and will take place on August 21, 2013 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Central time with the ribbon cutting ceremony taking place at 3:00 pm.

About Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc.

Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. (Nasdaq:GPRE), which is North America's fourth largest ethanol producer, markets and distributes approximately one billion gallons of ethanol annually. Green Plains owns and operates grain storage assets in the corn belt and biofuel terminals in the southern U.S. Green Plains is a joint venture partner in BioProcess Algae LLC, which was formed to commercialize advanced photo-bioreactor technologies for growing and harvesting algal biomass.

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