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**Dakota Ethanol Chairman Ron Alverson Receives Award
from American Coalition for Ethanol**

Sioux Falls, SD (August 13, 2010) – Ron Alverson, Chairman of Dakota Ethanol LLC, has been honored with the “Grassroots Award” from the American Coalition for Ethanol (ACE).

The strength of ACE is found within the collective grassroots, devoted individuals who often perform behind the scenes to advocate the cause of ethanol. These “unsung heroes” of the U.S. ethanol industry and agriculture are recognized with the ACE Grassroots Award.

“The American Coalition for Ethanol was formed to speak on behalf of the grassroots, the farmers and rural citizens who risked their equity to help start the ethanol industry and ensure that the profits from ethanol remain in the rural communities. Ron Alverson epitomizes that grassroots ethanol leadership,” said Brian Jennings, Executive Vice President of ACE. “Through his service and leadership on the ACE board of directors he has brought a special and unique brand of advocacy for agriculture, corn growers, and ethanol because he’s more interested in getting the job done than in getting the credit for the job – that’s what makes him the perfect candidate for this award.”

Ron Alverson owns and operates RS, Inc., his family’s grain production farm near Chester, South Dakota. He is a founding member and past president of the South Dakota Corn Growers Association and has served on the board of Lake Area Corn Processors LLC since its inception, the cooperative behind Dakota Ethanol LLC in Wentworth, South Dakota’s first farmer-owned ethanol plant. He has served as Chairman of Dakota Ethanol since 2007. He joined the American Coalition for Ethanol board in 2009 and was appointed to the ACE Executive Committee that same year.

Alverson received his award during a reception on August 4 in Kansas City at ACE’s 23rd annual ethanol conference.

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The American Coalition for Ethanol (ACE) is the grassroots voice of the U.S. ethanol industry, a national trade association for the ethanol industry with nearly 1,500 members nationwide, including farmers, ethanol producers, commodity organizations, businesses supplying goods and services to the ethanol industry, rural electric cooperatives, and individuals supportive of increased production and use of ethanol. For more information about ethanol or ACE, visit www.ethanol.org or call (605) 334-3381.