Louisiana 25x’25 Renewable Energy Tour  
January 23, 2009

7:30 am  Depart from Marriott Hotel by bus (bring luggage if flying out that afternoon)  
New Orleans Marriott, 555 Canal St., New Orleans, LA

8:40 am  Arrive at Alliance for Affordable Energy-BuildSmart Learning Center  
1001 South Broad Street, Suite 123, New Orleans, 70125

The Alliance for Affordable Energy's New Orleans BuildSmart learning center is a multi-faceted facility that showcases techniques for energy efficiency, residential solar power and environmentally friendly construction for both contractors and homeowners.

9:10 am  Depart location

10:30 am  Arrive at USDA-ARS Research Station – Houma, LA  
Sugarcane Research Unit, 5883 USDA Road, Houma, LA  70360

The USDA-ARS, Sugarcane Research Unit strives to develop research-based solutions that enhance the viability of sugarcane as a sugar and/or biofuels feedstock. The mission utilizes a multidisciplinary approach to develop improved varieties and environmentally friendly production strategies that will insure industry profitability, expand the cropping range, and combat a constantly evolving pest complex that includes diseases, insects, and weeds.

12 noon  Lunch hosted on-site by USDA-ARS and American Sugar Cane League

1:00 pm  Depart location

1:20 pm  Arrive at Raceland Raw Sugars – Raceland, LA  
Raceland Raw Sugar Corp., Hwy. 182 and Mill Street, Raceland, LA 70394
Raceland Raw Sugars Corp. was founded in 1850 and is a producer of sugar, molasses, and syrup. Raceland Raw Sugar Corp. is a wholly owned subsidiary of M. A. Patout & Son, Ltd. In the past, it led the state in tons of cane milled and was a leader in using bagasse to develop and manufacture wallboard. Raceland Raw Sugars Corp. has a processing capacity of 15,000 tons of cane per day, for a total of 1,250,000 tons of cane.

2:30 pm  Depart location

3:30 pm  Arrive at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport for passenger dropoff

900 Airline Drive, Kenner, LA  70062

4:00 pm  Arrive at hotel in New Orleans