

West Central Cooperative Engages FCStone Carbon to Evaluate Agriculture Risk and Opportunities

FCStone Carbon's Proprietary System and Integrated Risk Management Program (IRMP) Helps Clients Manage Environmental Risk and Capture Carbon Opportunities in a Time of Pending Climate Change Legislation and EPA Regulation

DES MOINES, Iowa, Nov. 19, 2009 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- FCStone Carbon today announced a consulting agreement with West Central Cooperative to provide guidance and recommendations on West Central's enterprise risk. The "pre-compliance" agreement between FCStone Carbon and West Central will support the company in evaluating the challenges and opportunities presented by governmental regulation and pending clean-energy legislation.

"West Central and its customers have a long history of being good stewards of the environment," said Jeff Stroburg, CEO of West Central Cooperative. "We recognize the importance of our participation in programs that protect our natural resources, and our involvement in the emerging carbon credit program is no different. We are pleased to be able to partner with FCStone Carbon and look forward to taking a positive and proactive approach to evaluating potential impacts in this area."

FCStone Carbon will provide an annual assessment of West Central's entire enterprise, as well as specific recommendations regarding energy-savings opportunities. The company also will evaluate emission impacts from a life-cycle standpoint that accounts for the activities of the entire food chain.

"It is critical that we assess our clients' operations from multiple approaches to ensure they have a solid plan that takes into account potential new laws or more-aggressive EPA regulation," noted Mike Kinley, Chief Operating Officer, FCStone Carbon. "Our proprietary system and Integrated Risk Management Program (IRMP) helps our clients manage environmental risk and capture carbon opportunities."

"We are very bullish on agriculture's role going forward in this arena," Kinley continued. "Agriculture represents a lifecycle that can play a key role in mitigating emissions from other industry sectors, resulting in a more sustainable system overall. West Central is demonstrating leadership in taking this important first step, and is a key player in finding opportunities for its producer members."

About FCStone Carbon, LLC

FCStone Carbon, LLC, was founded in February 2006, as a wholly owned subsidiary of FCStone Group, Inc., an integrated commodity risk management company providing risk management consulting and transaction execution services to commercial commodity intermediaries, end users and producers. FCStone Group is a wholly owned subsidiary of International Assets Holding Corporation. For more information, visit www.fcstone.com or call 1-515-223-3771.

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