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ETHANOL LEADERS MET TO DISCUSS INFRASTRUCTURE AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT

(Des Moines, IA) – The Iowa Office of Energy Independence (OEI) collaborated with the Governors' Biofuels Coalition to host an invitation-only workshop to discuss the available opportunities within the ethanol industry. The meeting focused on developing the ethanol market, using a city to region approach and utilizing federal programs to make E85 more available in targeted areas. The afternoon discussion focused on what OEI, the Governors' Biofuels Coalition, and ethanol industry leaders can do to make E85 more accessible to the consumer, as well as to encourage more consumption.

"It was a remarkable afternoon," said Roya Stanley, director of the Office of Energy Independence. "Key members of the ethanol supply chain, representatives of our Iowa delegation, and U.S. automakers were able to discuss some of the industry barriers and how we can address them collaboratively."

For more information about discussion topics, visit <http://www.energy.iowa.gov>, or for copies of the presentations, contact jessica.zopf@dnr.iowa.gov.

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