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### **Grand openings celebrate first E85 fuel stations in Southeast Alabama**

DOTHAN, ALA. — Area residents and commuters turned out today to attend grand opening events at Inland Food Stores in Dothan and Enterprise to celebrate the first two public fuel stations in Southeast Alabama to carry E85 ethanol fuel.

The grand openings were hosted by Inland Food Stores and Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition (ACFC). The Coalition is the principal coordinating point for clean, alternative and advanced fuel vehicle initiatives in Alabama. The first event kicked off at 9 a.m. at the Inland Food Store located at 2747 Ross Clark Circle in Dothan and was followed by the second grand opening at 11 a.m. at the Inland Food Store located at 1202 Boll Weevil Circle in Enterprise. Following each of the grand opening ceremonies, the stations offered E85 ethanol for 85 minutes to flex fuel vehicle owners at a \$0.85 cent discount from the price of regular gasoline.

The events were attended by a number of elected officials and government representatives. Mayor Mike Schmitz was on hand at the Dothan event, along with representatives from the Alabama Department of Economic & Community Affairs Energy Division, the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, and the Alabama Center for Alternative Fuels.

Inland Food Stores replaced all fuel dispensers at both locations with new blender dispensers to offer E85, a mixture of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline to consumers and private fleets in Southeastern Alabama who own and operate Flex Fuel Vehicles. The pumps also dispense traditional Regular, Midgrade, and Premium gasoline products.

Aaron Goodman, Chief Operating Officer of Inland Food Stores, expressed his excitement about the opportunity to offer E85 ethanol to the areas flex fuel vehicle customers.

The Dothan and Enterprise stations are the first in Alabama, and two of only a limited number of fuel stations in the U.S., to offer E85 from all station fuel dispensers, giving Flex Fuel Vehicle drivers the ability to fuel with E85 from any dispenser. Ethanol used at both stations will be produced in part by corn grown by Alabama and Georgia farmers and refined by First United Ethanol just across the Alabama-Georgia border in Camilla, Ga.

“Today marks a very important day for the people of Alabama’s Second Congressional District, the communities of Dothan and Enterprise, and the state of Alabama as a

whole,” Rep. Roby said. “I commend Inland Food Stores for facilitating the openings of these E85 stations, helping to position the Second District as a leader in our state and nation’s efforts to lessen dependence on foreign oil and the focus on the development and utilization of alternative fuels.”

**Inland Stores:**

*Inland Food Stores corporate office, located in Bainbridge Georgia, operates 18 convenience stores, service stations and travel centers throughout the area and has embraced the addition of alternative fuels at its stations. Southwest Georgia Oil Company, Inc, parent company of Inland, is one of the largest independent oil companies in the tri-state area of Georgia, Florida, and Alabama.*

**ABOUT THE ALABAMA CLEAN FUELS COALITION:**

*The Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition is the state’s leading advocate for alternative fuels and a designated Clean Cities coalition by the U. S. Department of Energy. The promotion of clean, renewable, domestic energy sources helps reduce our dependence on foreign oil, improves local air quality, and increases economic development investments in our local communities. For more information, please visit our website at [www.AlabamaCleanFuels.org](http://www.AlabamaCleanFuels.org) or call us directly at 205-402-2755.*

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