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Mobile Hosts First Biofuels Workshop

MOBILE, AL - Top leaders in the biofuels industry from across Alabama and the nation descended on Mobile April 28th with a wealth of information on alternative fuels. This one-day workshop, its first time in Mobile, provided background and utilization prospects for a range of fuels including Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), propane, biodiesel, ethanol and electricity. The workshop was designed to help public officials, school districts, business leaders, fleet managers, and the general public make informed decisions and facilitate transitions to alternative fuels in order to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, increase local economic development, and improve our air quality.

Mark Bentley, executive director of the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition said he was pleased with the attendance and the enthusiasm of the crowd. "With gas prices on the rise, there has never been a more appropriate time to discuss and promote alternative fuels that save families money, and that's exactly what we did today."

The Biofuels Workshop was brought to Mobile by the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition, a member of the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities program, in cooperation with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs - Energy Division.

"One of the most attractive exhibits was the Chevy Volt," Bentley said. "People have heard alot about this amazing hybrid vehicle. Today, they got to see it up close and personal, and soon they'll be able to buy one right here in Mobile."

The workshop, which was open to the public, featured several nationally and statewide recognized speakers, including State Representative Randy Davis; Assistant Agriculture Commissioner Glen Zorn; Larry Filmer, who directs the Auburn University Research Program Development Office; and many others. The workshop as held in Bryne Hall on the campus of Spring Hill College.

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