



## Green & Growing Regional Bioindustry Bus Tour

### Ballweg Chevrolet (Flex-fuel vehicle dealership)

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**Name of Project:** Flex-fuel vehicle display and E-85 station

**Project Description:** Ballweg Chevrolet is a leader in the sale of flex-fuel vehicles – cars and trucks that can run on gasoline or blended fuels containing up to 85 percent ethanol. Wider use of vehicles that can use “E85” blended fuel will reduce dependence on foreign oil while increasing demand for regionally produced ethanol, considered a renewable fuel. Because of E85’s high oxygen content, the fuel burns much cleaner than gasoline and emits fewer smog related emissions. E85 also reduces greenhouse gas emissions by more than 40 percent compared to gasoline. This year automakers will produce over 750,000 flex-fuel vehicles to join the over 5 million already on the roads. The state of Wisconsin also wants to provide tax credits for gas stations to invest in E-85 and biodiesel tanks and pumps – increasing the availability of ethanol by more than 400 percent.



