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Kimberly science teacher attends Bioenergy Institute for Educators

Last week, Kimberly High School teacher Dean Simon attended the Bioenergy Institute for Educators, a teacher workshop hosted by the Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center at UW-Madison's Wisconsin Energy Institute.

Held from June 26-30th, the Bioenergy Institute for Educators is a five-day professional development program offering interested teachers the opportunity to learn about the latest developments in bioenergy research and to discover practical tools and materials for teaching students the fundamentals of energy and sustainable energy systems.

During the institute, Simon toured UW-Madison labs and field sites dedicated to developing cellulosic biofuels – biofuels derived from non-food crops such as switchgrass – and worked with eighteen other participating teachers to develop new classroom projects on key bioenergy concepts.

The Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center is one of three Bioenergy Research Centers created



by the U.S. Department of Energy to promote transformational breakthroughs and build the foundation of new cellulosic biofuels technology. The Wisconsin Energy Institute is the center's primary home.

Photo caption:

Kimberly High School teacher Dean Simon (right), pictured with Appleton East High School teacher Tom Wanamaker (left).