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**Vestas Bringing 1,350 New Jobs to Brighton;
City Prepares to Soar with Accompanying Growth**

BRIGHTON, CO – Vestas, the world leader in wind turbine system manufacturing, has set fast-growing Brighton assail as a community to watch in the emerging new-energy industry. Colorado Governor Bill Ritter this year announced new-energy industry attraction as one of the state’s top priorities; then, Vestas decided to create 1,350 jobs in Brighton at its newest blade and nacelle (hub) manufacturing facilities, which are now under construction.

Why Brighton?

“Brighton is at the crossroads of the new West,” claims Brighton Economic Development Corp. President and CEO Ray Gonzales, who recently returned to his hometown after seeing prospects grow substantially in a short period of time.

Brighton is the closest city to Denver International Airport, DIA, which, with only half of its approved 12 runways constructed, already is the 10th busiest airport in the world.

The city is also a convenient road and rail hub.

Brighton is situated at the intersection of E-470, the metro Denver beltway, and the burgeoning I-76 services corridor, which is a beacon for an under-serviced influence area of 150,000 people, including Brighton’s 35,000 residents (which have doubled in 10 years).

“We think we’ve picked ourselves a plum,” is the way long-time Brighton resident and two-time Mayor Jan Pawlowski explains the coming of Vestas.

Vestas is constructing its operations on a 200-acre campus located north of the city's historic downtown, which leaders hope will bring increasing revitalization to the community. Brighton has seen major new developments along the I-76 corridor, along the eastern edge of the city for years and has underway many civic improvement initiatives in its existing neighborhoods and historic downtown.

Vestas shares the small town values that Brighton holds dear, according to city leaders. They cite that Vestas has a people and culture division rather than a human resources department. "They put people first and so does Brighton," says Brighton EDC President and CEO Gonzales.

Vestas has begun the hiring process in Brighton and will conduct the second of its job forums soon -- this time for its blade manufacturing.

An Oct. 22, 2008, Vestas conducted its first Brighton job forum at nearby Adams County Regional Fairgrounds and attracted thousands of people interested in a career with the forward-thinking company that pays full benefits. The first forum was focused on jobs to be offered at its nacelle (hub) manufacturing facilities.

New roads and sewer lines are making their way to the Vestas site while local developers gear up to greet the first big surge of home shoppers to the area since the downturn in residential real estate began several years ago.

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