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New-Energy Capital Awarded
Brighton Receives \$2 Million State DOLA Grant;
Funds to be used to Improve Access to New Vestas Campus

BRIGHTON, CO – The City of Brighton has been notified by the State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs, DOLA, that it has been approved to receive a two million dollar grant to assist in making about eight million dollars of infrastructure and roadway improvements to Weld County Roads 4 and 6.

The announcement was made by DOLA Executive Director Susan E. Kirkpatrick. The funds were awarded to Brighton from the state's severance tax and mineral lease revenues. "This cycle has been extremely competitive with requests totaling \$50,415,158 and less than half of that available to award," she stated in extending the offer to make the grant.

The planned improvements will provide needed access to and from the city's new Vestas Blade campus, which is under construction on a 200-acre site about two miles north of the city's historic downtown, east of state highway 85. Vestas, the world leader in wind turbine system manufacturing, plans to employ 1,350 people at the campus, according to announcements made by the company earlier this year.

Vestas plans to commence manufacturing at the campus in the fall of 2009.

"This two million dollar grant will allow Brighton to do more than improve roadways for the Vestas Blade project," explained Brighton Mayor Jan Pawlowski. "This is about creating a roadway for 1,350 new-energy jobs, as well as other jobs that will improve people's lives and enhance the livability of our city and the region."

Brighton Economic Development Council President and CEO Raymond H. Gonzales pointed out that the improvements along Weld County Roads 4 and 6 will serve the Vestas campus, but also, provide upgraded infrastructure that will benefit the area.

The north Brighton area is one of the key quadrants that the city has earmarked for future primary job growth.

“Brighton is proud to support the Governor’s new-energy initiative by providing the infrastructure needed by one of the world’s new-energy leaders,” Gonzales said. “Making these improvements will help our city move further down the road toward becoming one of the leading new-energy capitols of the U.S.”

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