



**GONZALES IS NEW BRIGHTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
PRESIDENT/CEO; ALSO WILL BE CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

BRIGHTON, CO – Raymond Gonzales has been appointed the new president and CEO of Brighton Economic Development Corporation, the public-private partnership that works to attract and retain primary employers to the rapidly growing city, which is located northwest of Denver International Airport, Gonzales also will serve as director of economic development for the City of Brighton.

He is a native of Brighton and is a graduate of Regis University, Denver.

Most recently, Gonzales was deputy cabinet secretary/chief operating officer (COO), of the \$53 million per year, 600-person executive department of New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson’s cabinet, Prior to that he was a U.S. Dept. of Labor regional representative for Colorado and New Mexico, He also was a regional administrative officer with the U.S. Peace Corp.

“Brighton Economic Development Corporation will benefit from Gonzales’ ability to reach out to diverse interests and form public-private partnerships,” explains Brighton City Manager John Bramble, who made the appointment and who serves on the Brighton EDC board of directors, The Brighton EDC is jointly managed and funded by the City and EDC private investors.

Gonzales receives the executive director reins from former President and CEO Susan Stanton.

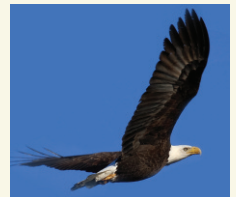
This year, Brighton was named the #2 highest-growth place of note in the U.S. by Gadberry Group, a leading market intelligence firm, The city, the closest to Denver International Airport, was recognized for its population growth, richly diverse population and rising household incomes, Vestas, the world’s leading manufacturer of wind turbines, just announced plans to create 1,350 new jobs in the city by 2010.

To learn more about Brighton EDC visit brightonedc.org or contact Teri Sanchez, 303.655.2155.

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