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GSA Pursuing Smart Alternative and Renewable Energy To Power Land Port Of Entry

FARGO, ND - Using funds provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Rocky Mountain Region awarded a \$2.7 million dollar design-build contract for the installation of a 1.0 MegaWatt wind turbine at the Pembina Border Station, a United States Land Port of Entry (LPOE) in Pembina, ND. On September 14, 2010, GSA awarded this project comprising of one wind turbine to Colstrip Electric Inc., a woman owned, small business company located in Colstrip, MT.

The LPOE operates on a 24 hour-a-day, 7 day per week schedule. The facility consumes approximately 1,635,000 kWh of electrical power annually, about the same as powering 142 average size homes, costing approximately \$84,250 including consumption and demand charges. The design work is underway and weather permitting the groundbreaking will take place May 2011, with project completion targeted for the fall 2013.

"GSA is committed to sustainability and this project is expected to reduce electrical power consumption at the facility to zero, helping save taxpayer dollars. This is a great opportunity to take advantage of North Dakota's incredible wind resources," said GSA Rocky Mountain Regional Administrator Susan Damour. Furthermore, this project is significant in that it conforms to the directives in the Energy Policy Act 2005 which includes a comprehensive plan to chart a new energy future by embracing alternative and renewable energy. The goal in this Act is to generate 25 percent of energy from renewable sources by 2025 by investing in new sources of clean, renewable energy, such as wind power.

Colstrip Electric Inc. has worked in the renewable energy industry since 2005 when it completed Montana's first utility scale wind farm. They have completed nearly 1,000 MegaWatts of wind power across the country and continue to be a leading electrical contractor in the renewable industry.

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