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**Front Range Energy Opens for Business**  
*First Corn Delivered This Week*

Windsor, CO—Front Range Energy, the second full-scale ethanol production plant in Colorado, has opened for business in the Great Western Industrial Park near Windsor.

“This is a perfect location for us,” said Dan Sanders, President. “The Town of Windsor and the Great Western Development Company have been very good to work with. We’re happy to be part of the community and to get started.”

The 42-acre plant will produce about 40 million gallons of ethanol on an annual basis, processing about 14 million bushels of corn from local and Midwestern farmers. Some 325,000 tons of feed byproducts called distiller grains will be sold locally as high protein cattle feed.

Front Range Energy employs 35 people with an average salary of \$40,000 per year. Most employees, including main plant operators and lab technicians, are from the Windsor area.

“One of the biggest advantages of this location is the quality labor force,” said Sanders. “Many people have experience working for breweries, and those skills transfer to our business.” Ethanol is a high-octane fuel that provides superior engine performance while reducing carbon monoxide emissions that lead to global warming. Over 30 percent of all gasoline in the U.S. today is blended with ethanol. According to the U.S. department of Agriculture, ethanol

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production adds 25 to 50 cents to the value of a bushel of corn. Ethanol production is the third largest use of U.S. corn per year, utilizing a record 1.43 billion bushels of ethanol in 2005.

The plant cost about \$60 million to build, and will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Modern technology and environmental regulations result in low emissions and imperceptible noise.

Corn will be delivered once every 10 days, starting this week, on a Great Western Railway train of about 75 cars. Initially, the corn train will enter Windsor from the south, with locomotives on both ends of the train to expedite train movements. OmniTRAX (owner of Great Western Railway) and Union Pacific Railroad are working together to establish a direct connection at Greeley, enabling direct delivery of the corn train to Front Range Energy from the east. Great Western Railway safety personnel are coordinating with local fire and police officials regarding train operations. Operating practices for unit corn trains include train handling that minimizes the time that public road crossings will be occupied, and other emergency procedures that are being developed through on-going cooperation with local authorities.

The 480-acre Great Western Industrial Park, located east of the Kodak campus, is projected to employ over 2,000 people at full build-out. Front Range Energy and Owens-Illinois are the first two companies that have located in the park and together are expected to contribute approximately \$3 million in revenues to the Windsor School District, and over a quarter million dollars to the Windsor-Severance Fire District in their first full tax-year of operation. There are sites today for approximately 20 more companies there.

“Front Range Energy represents the type of companies we’re trying to attract to the Great Western Industrial Park, said Alex Yeros, managing director for the Great Western Development

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Company. “They’re helping diversify the local economy, hiring local people and paying taxes for schools and services.”

Front Range Energy is planning several community open houses and tours in the near future.

For more information about ethanol, its production and a virtual tour of an ethanol plant, see the Renewable Fuels Association website at [www.ethanolrfa.org](http://www.ethanolrfa.org).

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