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Construction Firm to Expand Its Vermillion County Operations

CLINTON, Ind. (Nov. 4, 2009) - White Construction, Inc., a Vermillion County-based contractor for renewable energy projects throughout North America, announced today that it will expand its operations here, creating up to 70 new jobs by 2012.

The company, which constructs wind farms, solar farms, biomass and geothermal power plants, among other heavy industrial and heavy highway construction projects, will invest \$10.2 million to construct and equip a new 50,300 square-foot, LEED-certified headquarters facility here.

"Indiana is becoming a location of choice for companies in the renewable energy industry," said Governor Mitch Daniels. "I can't think of a better location than Vermillion County for White Construction's new headquarters and we look forward to partnering with them to make this operation a success."

White Construction, which currently employs more than 130 associates throughout Indiana, plans to begin hiring engineers, information technology associates and supervisory staff later this year as work on the new facility begins.

"Our focus in emerging green energy markets like wind and biomass has accelerated the growth of our company," said Herman "Buddy" White, owner and chief executive officer of White Construction. "White Construction started in Vermillion County over 60 years ago. Our key people are here and our history is here. It only made sense to us to continue our growth and keep our corporate headquarters here in Indiana."

Founded in 1947 as a trucking and excavating business, much of the company's early work was concentrated in the Wabash Valley. Today, with expansion into the renewable energy market, White Construction projects occur throughout the United States and Canada. The company operates satellite offices in Norcross, Ga.; Sweetwater, Texas; Bakersfield, Calif.; and Whitby, Ontario.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered White Construction up to \$470,000 in performance-based tax credits and up to \$87,500 in training grants based on the

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