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Sweetgrass Development awarded MT DOC grant on behalf of Exergy Integrated Systems to study the feasibility of a Great Falls wind turbine manufacturing facility

GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, May 30, 2011 – Sweetgrass Development, a private, non-profit regional economic development corporation in North-Central Montana, announced today that it has been awarded \$25,000 by the Montana Department of Commerce through a Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund Category II Planning grant. Sweetgrass Development applied for the grant in December 2010 in conjunction with the Montana-based renewable energy company Exergy Integrated Systems ('EIS'). The grant funds will assist completion of an engineering report on the feasibility of siting a wind turbine manufacturing facility in the Great Falls, MT area. Exergy is investigating the possibility of manufacturing its own advanced, community-oriented wind turbine at the proposed facility, and will match the \$25,000 grant from the State dollar for dollar.

“This grant supports the first step in a project that has the potential to bring hundreds of new, well-paying jobs to North-Central Montana,” said Sarah Converse, Executive Director of Sweetgrass Development. “We are very impressed with the proposed development and pleased that the project uses the robust wind resource we have in this region to help diversify our economy while protecting our quality of life – goals vital to our mission and vision.” Sweetgrass Development focuses on economic development in Glacier, Cascade, Pondera, Teton and Toole Counties, as well as the Blackfoot Nation, a diverse region that includes a large metropolitan area, many small towns, rural agricultural areas, several Hutterite Colonies and the Blackfoot Reservation. “Exergy is deeply committed to doing business in Montana,” said Peggy Beltrone, President of EIS. “The engineering assistance we will receive through this grant will help us determine the best location in the Great Falls area for our new wind turbine manufacturing facility.”

Montana’s Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund aids in the development of well-paying jobs for Montana residents and the promotion of long-term sustainable economic growth. The wind turbine technology that Exergy is proposing to manufacture is designed to provide clean, affordable power to schools, ranches and farms, businesses, small industries, non-profits, and other community-oriented applications. Its commercialization has the potential to create over 200 well-paying jobs in the next 5 years.

The feasibility study will be carried out by Big Sky Civil & Environmental, Inc. Pre-planning for the study begins in early June 2011, with site evaluations taking place over the summer. Big Sky Civil & Environmental, Inc. will embark on conceptual design come fall and release the final feasibility report by the end of the year.

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ABOUT SWEETGRASS DEVELOPMENT

Sweetgrass Development is a private, non-profit corporation created in 2004 to support economic development in the counties of Glacier, Cascade, Pondera, Teton and Toole, as well as the Blackfeet Nation. Sweetgrass is an Economic Development District as designated by the Federal Economic Development Administration as well as a Certified Regional Development Corporation through the Montana Department of Commerce.

ABOUT EXERGY INTEGRATED SYSTEMS

Exergy Integrated Systems (EIS) is the technology design and commercialization arm of the Exergy group of companies. EIS was established to foster the deployment of new and advanced renewable energy technologies that better integrate into the lives of people who use them, and the communities and landscapes in which they are placed. EIS is an affiliate of Boise-based Exergy Development Group, which developed the Horseshoe Bend wind farm south of Great Falls and, earlier this year, completed construction on the largest wind energy project in Idaho history. The EIS division is led by Peggy Beltrone, former Cascade County Commissioner and longtime champion of renewable energy-driven rural economic development in the Great Falls region.

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