State awards export development grants to 26 small businesses

DENVER — Monday, Oct. 17, 2011 — The Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) announced today it has selected 26 small businesses from throughout the state to receive Colorado Export Development Grants (CEDG).

With the help of the grant funding and supplementary export counseling provided by the OEDIT staff, grant recipients will be able to expand their product and service exports to new global markets. During the three years it has been offered, the CEDG has helped Colorado companies sustain and expand their businesses through exporting. The CEDG is funded in part this year through a grant award with the U.S. Small Business Administration and awarded a total of $52,750.

To qualify for the CEDG, applicants were required to demonstrate their readiness to export, present a clear and attainable project aimed at achieving sales in a new market, and show how the use of funds would ultimately lead to the retention and/or creation of jobs in Colorado. A record number of companies applied for the grants this year from a variety of industries and locations.

The following companies were selected as grant recipients:

- Alpha Data Inc., Denver
- Avantes Inc., Broomfield
- aWhere, Inc., Wheat Ridge
- Bella Ag, Kersey
- ERH, Inc. DBA Wolfman, Longmont
- Fiberforge Corporation, Glenwood Springs
- FiberLok, Fort Collins
- Geotech Environmental Equipment Inc., Denver
- GPS Source, Pueblo
- InDevR Inc., Boulder
- Intelagard Inc., Lafayette
- International Tourism Marketing Inc., Englewood
- Lightning Eliminators & Consultants Inc., Boulder
- NGVI North America, Inc., Fort Collins
- Novo Energy, LLC, Fort Collins
- Oliver Manufacturing Co. Inc. Rocky Ford, Colorado Springs
- Optibrand Ltd., LLC, Fort Collins
- Organic Pet Superfood, Boulder
- RMB Products Inc., Fountain
- RNL Design, Denver
- Schacht Spindle Company Inc., Boulder
- Specialty Products Company, Longmont
- Tapeless Medical, Centennial
- TheraTogs Inc., Telluride
- Weaver and Company, Aurora
- Wolf Robotics, Fort Collins

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