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KATANA Summit, LLC, Chooses Columbus

Mr. Darrell Lehmann of KATANA Summit, LLC, Columbus Economic Council Co-Chairman Neal Suess, City of Columbus Mayor Mike Moser and Platte County Board of Supervisors Chairman John Woerth are proud to jointly welcome KATANA Summit, LLC to Columbus, Nebraska. On June 5th KATANA Summit, LLC acquired the Columbus Spec Building, Reliance Building and 46 acres from Loup Power District in the Columbus East Industrial Park.

KATANA Summit is a new partnership of Sumitomo Corporation of Tokyo, Japan and KATANA Industries, Inc. of Ephrata, Washington. KATANA Summit will manufacture tubular wind towers at the new Columbus location. The project will have 75 acres and over 250,000 square foot of building space. Construction of the new facility will be performed by Columbus-based general contractor B-D Construction. The work began on June 8th at the site and plans are to begin manufacturing by March of 2008. KATANA Summit will continue to produce tubular wind towers at their Ephrata, Washington plant. KATANA Summit plans to employ 100-120 employees in Columbus at full production during 2008. Recruitment of employees will begin in the fall of 2007.

The Columbus Economic Council is especially appreciative of the support provided by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, Nebraska Public Power District, and Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District, as well as the Columbus Development Corporation, City of Columbus, and Platte County officials and staff. A project of this size requires strong collaboration by officials statewide, regionally, and locally.

A ground breaking ceremony is being planned. For more information on the project please contact Dave Bell at Loup Power District at 402-564-3171, ext. 257.

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