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The timing of the Convention could not have been better, coming as Vestas announced two major expansions in Colorado:

- The opening next year of the world's largest wind-tower manufacturing plant in Pueblo, a \$240 million project that will bring up to 550 new jobs to Southern Colorado.
- The 2010 opening of two new manufacturing facilities, and the creation of 1,350 jobs, in Brighton.

Colorado's New Energy Economy was just one of the many [Western stories](#) we shared with the nation and the world last week. While some of our challenges are uniquely Western, we have much in common with the rest of the country. What I call the Colorado Promise is very much the American Promise.

It took a cast of thousands to make the Convention such a hit. My deepest thanks go out to all of them. It was an incredible week, but as fall approaches, we now turn to other important matters:

- My [Budget Office](#) is preparing the 2009-10 budget proposal for submittal to the legislature's Joint Budget Committee in early November.
- My [Policy](#) and [Legislative](#) teams are meeting with citizen, business and other stakeholder groups to prioritize our 2009 legislative agenda.
- The [P-20 Education Council](#) is scheduled to meet Sept. 18, Oct. 16 and Dec. 5 in preparation for the '09 legislative session.
- The [Governor's Blue Ribbon Transportation Panel](#) will be holding a new round of meetings across the state in September and October. Details will be coming soon.
- The Governor's Office, Department of Natural Resources, Colorado Water Conservation Board and others are hosting a 2½-day [Conference on Managing Drought and Climate Risk](#) on Oct. 8-10 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Denver.
- The [Governor's Energy Office](#) and numerous state and local agencies are partnering to host the second annual [Governor's New Energy Economy Summit](#) on Oct. 14 at the Colorado Convention Center.
- The [Governor's Office of Economic Development and International Trade](#) is preparing for a November trade mission to China and Japan.

Thank you again for all of your support. As always, please [contact my office](#) for more information or to share your opinion.

Sincerely,

Bill Ritter, Jr.
Governor