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## Select Greater Philadelphia Welcomes Spanish Energy Firm Gamesa To Greater Philadelphia

### *Governor Rendell Announces Deal To Bring 250 Jobs To Region*

**Falls Township, PA – March 7, 2006** – Select Greater Philadelphia, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to marketing the Greater Philadelphia region, welcomed Gamesa, a Spanish wind-energy firm that manufactures windmills, to Greater Philadelphia. At a morning news conference, Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell announced Gamesa's decision to locate at the Keystone Industrial Port Complex (KIPC) in Bucks County, PA, formerly U.S. Steel's Fairless Hills Works.

Initially, Gamesa will create 250 new jobs at the KIPC. Ultimately, there could be hundreds more.

"Once again, Pennsylvania continues to attract manufacturing jobs and solid private sector investment," Governor Rendell said. "This is positive news for the whole region. This new manufacturing sector opens the door to even more job opportunities and greater investment as the market for clean energy continues to grow."

Gamesa has located its U.S. headquarters in Center City Philadelphia. Select Greater Philadelphia assisted the company in this location decision.

"With this announcement, the mission of Select Greater Philadelphia is being actualized," said Mark S. Schweiker, President and CEO of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. "We are proud to have played an integral role in assisting Gamesa to locate in Greater Philadelphia and to continue to move our regional economy forward. This is all about companies, jobs and paychecks – that's what we're bringing to the region.

Gamesa is the world's second largest wind energy developer. The company is headquartered in Vitoria, Spain. Originally, Gamesa was looking to locate in Texas but then discovered the options available in Pennsylvania. At the KIPC, Gamesa's manufacturing operation will be located in a Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone (KOIZ), a designated area in which companies do not pay state and local taxes until 2019.

"Gamesa came looking for an area that was environmentally friendly and where wind energy could compete with traditional sources of energy. We finally found it – the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," said Alfonso Basagoiti, president of Gamesa.

Select Greater Philadelphia, which formally began aggressive outreach to companies and site selection professionals in 2005, previously announced that Quintiq, a European software company, had located its North American headquarters in Wayne, PA. Quintiq projects the creation of 30 jobs in Greater Philadelphia within the next five years.

The Keystone Industrial Port Complex is a 2,000-acre heavy industrial facility strategically located on the Delaware River with a deep-water port, two freight rail lines on site, and easy access to roads and highways. U.S. Steel owns and operates the site, and manages all on-site utilities.

#### **About Select Greater Philadelphia**

Select Greater Philadelphia is a business marketing organization dedicated to building the economy of the Greater Philadelphia Region. It is a private, non-profit organization that focuses its resources on enhancing the profile and image of the region's business community in order to attract and retain businesses.

Select Greater Philadelphia markets the region nationally and globally in order to establish Greater Philadelphia as a top-tier place to do business. The Greater Philadelphia region encompasses southeastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and northern Delaware.