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Governor Bill Ritter Signs Historic Renewable Energy Bill 1001 at SolSource Inc. in Denver, Colorado

SolSource Headquarters of Solar Engineering, Procurement and Construction Firm Hosts Bill Signing To Increase Colorado's Renewable Energy Standard from 20 to 30 Percent by Year 2020

DENVER, CO; March 24, 2010 – [SolSource Inc.](http://www.SolSourceinc.com), a leading Colorado solar engineering, procurement and construction firm based in Denver, served as the host for an historic bill signing when Governor Bill Ritter brought into law House Bill 10-1001 on March 22, 2010. The bill increases Colorado's renewable energy standard from 20 to 30 percent by 2020. Proclaimed as the most important renewable energy legislation in the state since Amendment 37, HB 1001 gives Colorado the highest renewable standard in the Rocky Mountain Western United States, requiring that 30 percent of its electricity be generated from renewable sources such as solar electric, wind, and biomass.

Over 200 people attended the bill signing at the new 7,000 sq. ft. SolSource headquarters and warehouse at [6850 Broadway, Suite D, in North Denver 80221](#). Attendees included bill sponsors Senator Gail Schwarz, Senator Bruce Whitehead, and Representative Max Tyler, along with Pam Kiely of Environment Colorado, Mary Broderick of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 68, and company host Jeff Scott, president and founder of SolSource Inc. – all of whom spoke at the signing with Scott introducing Gov. Ritter. The signing took place in the SolSource warehouse with Sharp and SolarWorld solar panels, SMA inverters and monitoring systems, electrical wiring and conduit, and racking components.

"Today we continue to chart a new course for Colorado's New Energy Economy and America's clean energy economy," Governor Ritter said signing the bill at SolSource Inc. "Colorado is giving every state and the entire nation a template for tomorrow. This is a game-changer. We are transforming the future of Colorado and our country."

In 2004, Coloradoans passed Amendment 37, which set the country's first voter-approved renewable energy requirement at 10 percent by 2015. In 2007, Governor Ritter and the legislature doubled the requirement to 20 percent by 2020. Scott was an active supporter of both measures.

"We view House Bill 1001 as a significant step forward in helping Coloradoans achieve greater access to clean energy sources like solar and wind," said Scott, whose solar EPC firm has installed over 600 solar electric and solar thermal systems in Colorado. "As a longtime supporter of renewable energy, we are very proud to operate a solar energy business in Colorado, a state that is known for its abundant natural resources and talented workforce. We will be training and employing 20 to 30 new people in the next 30 days and see the bill signing by Governor Ritter as a commitment to supporting Colorado Clean Tech jobs."

Founded in 2004, SolSource has grown in the last few years from a \$2 million to \$10 million company providing solar electric, solar thermal, and green building products to residential, institutional, commercial, and military partners. In 2009, SolSource won a \$7.3 million contract at Buckley Air Force Base in Aurora, CO, in partnership with [AMEC](#) Earth and Environmental, to design, engineer, and install a 1.2 MW solar PV system for the base which, when complete in 2010, will be the largest solar PV system at an air force base in Colorado. On March 5, 2010, SolSource officially moved to its new headquarters. "What a great way to inaugurate our new office and warehouse space!" said Scott.