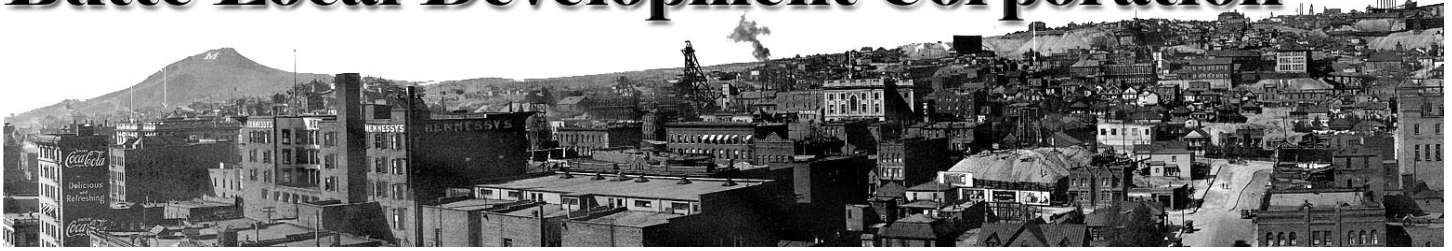


# Butte Local Development Corporation



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## Wind Turbine Plant to Locate in Butte

A German wind turbine manufacturing plant plans to locate in Butte. Fuhrlander AG is projecting to begin construction in the fall on a \$25 million plant located on a 40 acre site in the Port of Montana Business Development District. The proposed building site will be across from the SeaCast building. This will be the first manufacturing plant for Fuhrlander AG in the United States. The Butte location was chosen over Hardin, Columbus, Billings and Great Falls. Fuhrlander AG is constructing a similar plant in Germany. Fuhrlander AG wind turbines are currently operating in China, Japan, India and Europe.

Fuhrlander AG has been operating in Waigandshain, Germany for 40 years and has manufactured the turbines for 20 years. The company will manufacture wind turbines to serve wind farms in Montana and other part of the western United States.

A major factor that drew the company to Butte is the easy access to major highways, Interstates 90 and 15. The "Clean and Green" tax incentive legislation passed by the last

legislative session also helped to attract the plant to Montana. This new legislation will reduce Fuhrlander's property taxes for the first decade in operation.

Fuhrlander AG plans to utilize several of the programs administered by the Montana Board of Investments and Department of Commerce for assistance with its infrastructure requirements and new employee job training.

The facility will have some management personnel from their German plant, but will employ local people for the manufacturing jobs. They plan to hire 150 people initially with pay ranging from \$15 to \$25 an hour. The types of jobs include: mechanic, electric and electronic, welding, steel work, metal work, accounting, office work and marketing. Fuhrlander is hoping to expand the Butte facility in the future to manufacture the blades for the turbines. This could create an additional 600 jobs. This decision will depend on the demand for the turbines.

Fuhrlander AG will be a welcome addition to Butte's business community.

## It's BLDC Membership Time!

The Butte Local Development Corporation has begun its annual membership drive. The BLDC offers a number of membership levels and benefits for its members. All members will receive our newsletter and are invited to the Annual Meeting and Dinner.

As of this date there are 71 individuals and businesses that have shown their support for the BLDC. Their membership donations have raised more than \$20,000. If you haven't yet sent in your membership pledge, there is still time to do so.

To become a member of the BLDC or for more information call 723-4349 or e-mail [bldc@bldc.net](mailto:bldc@bldc.net). Your support is greatly appreciated.





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### **RightNow Technologies Looking to Expand**

RightNow Technologies of Bozeman is looking at Butte for a possible site to locate their new Quality Assurance department.

RightNow Technologies has approximately 700 employees worldwide with 450 employed at their Bozeman facilities.

In order to bring the company to Butte, the community will have to demonstrate a sufficient number of qualified workers are available to meet both their short and long term need. The job descriptions for the potential position in Butte have been listed on their website. Please visit the website at <http://rightnowtechjobs.custhel.com> and check out the job postings. It is very important to encourage anyone interested to apply in order to bring the company to Butte.

### ***BLDC Sponsors E-Commerce workshop***

The BLDC is sponsoring "The Basics of Selling on eBay" workshop. The 2 day session will be held April 16th and 17th in the Thornton Building at 65 E Broadway. The cost is \$39, which includes the student manual.

This course will provide new or inexperienced eBay users the fundamental skills needed to be a successful sellers on the site. Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) may also be earned for taking this course.

eBay has more than 203 million registered users and offers sellers more than 50,000 categories to market their goods. More than 1.3 million people currently use eBay as a primary or secondary source of income.

The course will be instructed by Lisa Jones, a Butte based Education Specialist trained by eBay.

For more details or to register for the course e-mail [acombo@bldc.net](mailto:acombo@bldc.net). Registration deadline is April 7th.

The BLDC would like to thank our new members!

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- ◆ BCI Consulting
- ◆ Culligan Water
- ◆ Daniel J O'Neill DDS
- ◆ Fairmont Hot Springs Resort
- ◆ Holiday Inn Express
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