

Australian company to break ground in City of Adams

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In a joint announcement at the Castle at the Bay Golf Course on Aug. 28, the City of Adams and GEITS International (Global Environmental Infrastructure Technology Solutions) unveiled their latest partnership, GEITS Connections.



A non-profit organization, GEITS Connections will provide a forum for the exchange of knowledge and ideas, as well as best business practices between rural communities worldwide.

In addition, Adams Mayor JanAlyn Baumgartner introduced and welcomed Australian Councilman Mervyn Robinson and his wife, Aileen, who reside in Jamestown, South Australia, and announced that Adams and Jamestown are now officially “Sister Cities.” Robinson told the crowd that Jamestown and Adams are similar in size, are both rural farming areas, and both have contracted with GEITS International.

The event also included the unveiling of architectural renderings of the GEITS manufacturing and production facility, slated to break ground on a 45-acre site in Adams Industrial Park next spring. The facility will provide approximately 60 jobs in the initial phase of production, with a projected 200 jobs in the future.

The city has also contract-ed with GEITS to upgrade their wastewater treatment facility to lower phosphorous output and improve water quality, as well as use their unique technology, creating alternative energy through the installation of solar- and wind- powered streetlights in the City of Adams.

Earlier this year, GEITS approached Adams officials with a plan to clean up Lake Petenwell's algae problem, using state-of-the-art floating solar panels that have been used successfully in other countries, such as Italy, France, and Korea. This lead to further research by the company

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and the city, with GEITS deciding that Adams was “just right” for establishing their first U.S. headquarters and production plant.

Despite Adams County officials not yet approving the Petenwell clean-up, the city council voted unanimously at their May meeting to go ahead with an agreement with the Australian-based company to construct a \$20-million factory in the city (which will manufacture solar products), and approved the construction of the new GEITS office headquarters in the U.S.

City Administrator Bob Ellisor told the crowd, “In addition to the creation of sustainable, recession-proof jobs based on alternative energy, the City of Adams will soon become known as the epicenter of green energy.”