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SUNFLOWER CHOSEN AS FINALIST FOR GOVERNOR'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

HAYS, KS—The Kansas Department of Commerce has announced the finalists for this year's Governor's Award of Excellence, the highest honor a business can receive from the state.

The Governor's Award of Excellence is presented annually to a business that exemplifies Kansas values and makes a tremendous contribution to the economy and the quality of life in the community it serves.

Chris Hauck, Sunflower's President and CEO, commenting on the selection said, "We are honored to be recognized by the Department of Commerce in this way," Hauck added, "It is a great testimonial to the perseverance of our Board of Directors and to the dedication and hard work of Sunflower's employees."

Earl Watkins, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, added, "Sunflower has been successful because of the vision of our Board of Directors and our culture of accountability and servant leadership," Watkins continued, "The partnership among our electric cooperative owners is a great example of what can be done by our commitment to working together."

The finalists were chosen by an independent panel of chamber of commerce officials, economic development professionals, and business people from across the state of Kansas.

Governor Kathleen Sebelius will honor the finalists and name the Governor's Award of Excellence winner at the Kansas Cavalry Encampment on June 8 at Washburn University.

Sunflower Electric Power Corporation is a regional wholesale power supplier that owns and operates a 595 MW system of gas and coal-fired generating plants and a 1,200-mile transmission system for the needs of its six member cooperatives who serve 120,000 people spread throughout a 21,000 square mile area in western Kansas. Sunflower also provides power to regional utilities in western Kansas and in ten states.