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**Norwest Corporation Opens New Office in Grand Junction, CO**

Norwest Corporation, a leading energy, mining, and environmental consultancy, announced today the opening of a new office in Grand Junction, CO. Grand Junction is in the heart of the rapidly developing oil shale, coal, natural gas, coal bed methane, and uranium industries. Norwest's Grand Junction office is a direct response to the energy boom in Colorado's Western Slope.

"Norwest is excited to be part of the greater Grand Junction business community. We look forward to supporting our clients who are leading the rapid expansion of energy resource development in this dynamic region," said Rick Tiffit, General Manager – Grand Junction. "We are equally excited to be strategically located between our Denver and Salt Lake City offices."

The Grand Junction office will support the company's aggressive growth strategy and increase Norwest's leadership in the energy field. Professional services provided from the new office will include geology, hydrogeology, permitting and environmental compliance, reservoir engineering, mining engineering, due diligence, and management consulting.

**About Norwest Corporation**

Norwest Corporation is a global leader in providing consulting services to the energy, mining, and natural resources industries. Norwest's international client base is served through offices strategically located in Salt Lake City, Calgary, Denver, Golden, Vancouver, Charleston (WV), Houston, Beijing, Kolkata and Grand Junction. Learn more at [www.norwestcorp.com](http://www.norwestcorp.com).