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### **Pella Corporation Announces Plant Expansion to Tucson**

*- Brings 450 jobs to Southern Arizona -*

Pella, IA and Tucson, AZ (October 20, 2005) – Pella Corporation, one of the world's leading manufacturers of premium-quality windows, entry door systems and patio doors, announces today that it will open a new manufacturing facility in Tucson, AZ for the production of ThermaStar by Pella™ windows and patio doors. Operations are scheduled to begin in 2006.

The privately-held company will convert the former Weiser Lock facility, located at 6700 S. Weiser Lock Drive, near the Tohono O'Odham and Pascua Yaqui reservations. "This is not only a win-win for Pella and Tucson, but exemplifies the working collaboration between TREO, the Governor's office, Arizona Department of Commerce, the City of Tucson, and Pima County. This type of synergy is exactly what TREO was created for," said Joe Snell, TREO's president and CEO. "This is the right company, right for Tucson, at exactly the right time."

"Among the things that attracted Pella to the Tucson area were the region's diverse, skilled workforce, educational opportunities, transportation systems, and the overall quality of life," said Mark Hinkie, vice president and chief operating officer (COO) of Pella's vinyl division. "We are pleased to be locating in this historic city known for its wealth of cultural attractions, dedicated people, and outstanding climate."

The Tucson location is ideal for expanding its operations to serve customers in the Southwest, he said.

Pella employment opportunities in Tucson include manufacturing positions, managers and administrators. For the sixth consecutive year, Pella has been honored by FORTUNE magazine as one of the nation's "100 Best Companies to Work For" due to its exceptional benefits, development opportunities and quality work environment.

#### **About Pella**

Celebrating 80 years in business, Pella Corporation is recognized in the window and door industry for its quality, technology and innovation, having earned more than 100 product and design patents. The company manufactures windows, patio doors, and entry doors in varied types and styles. For more information, call 888-84-PELLA or visit [www.pella.com](http://www.pella.com).

#### **About TREO (Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities, Inc.)**

Tucson's newest regional economic development entity was created to provide insight, infrastructure, resources and development efforts that will ensure ongoing economic prosperity throughout the Southern Arizona region. TREO's programs support a regional economic development environment that allows all businesses (micro, small and large) to grow and thrive. For more information, call 243-1900 or visit [www.treoaz.org](http://www.treoaz.org).