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### ***Bakersfield College and Bolthouse Properties, LLC Announce Donation and Land Purchase***

**(South Kern County, CA)** - In an effort to anticipate and respond to the future educational needs of metropolitan Bakersfield's growing community, the Kern Community College District, on behalf of Bakersfield College, has entered into an agreement with Bolthouse Properties, LLC for the acquisition of 126 acres along Highway 99, south of Bear Mountain Boulevard. Bolthouse Properties, LLC has agreed to donate 66 acres to the Kern Community College District in conjunction with the District's purchase of an adjoining 60 acres, for a total campus site of 126 acres.

Bakersfield College is looking to the future with this land donation and acquisition. The college will become part of a master planned, environmentally sensitive community developed by Bolthouse Properties, LLC. The master plan, which encompasses over 1600 contiguous acres, will present an integrated community consisting of the district's educational facilities situated within a variety of low and medium density residential areas, including schools, parks, and supporting commercial and industrial uses.

The Kern Community College District board of trustees approved the land donation and acquisition at their September 6, 2007 meeting. Funds for the land purchase came from the Safety Repair and Improvement District bond approved by voters in 2002.

"As our community continues to grow, so will the need for higher education," said Kern Community College District chancellor Sandra Serrano. "Bakersfield College and the KCCD have identified this need and we are working proactively to address it. Our partnership with Bolthouse Properties, LLC, will ensure that transfer and technical education opportunities for residents in Kern County are met."

The current long range plans for the over 1600 acres include commercial and retail space which could be supported by Bakersfield College's strong career and technical education programs. Bakersfield College will work with land planners to attract industry that will collaborate with the training programs. Nearby major commercial enterprises include automotive, maintenance and manufacturing – all which may be supported by Bakersfield College through the provision of a highly trained and educated workforce.

"Bolthouse Properties, LLC is dedicated to ensuring that the future development of their land in Kern County will be guided by efficiently planning integrated communities," said Anthony Leggio, president of Bolthouse Properties,

LLC. "This property is uniquely situated for the Kern Community College District's needs. We are confident that our partnership with Bakersfield College and the Kern Community College District will result in significant benefit to Kern County residents."

This location is ideal for Bakersfield College with the current infrastructure and ease of accessibility to major transportation corridors for students coming from various areas of metropolitan Bakersfield. Students from southeast areas such as Arvin and Lamont can easily travel Bear Mountain Boulevard to reach the campus, and students from other areas need only travel a few short miles on Highway 99.

"Bakersfield College understands that our existing Panorama campus is well over a 30 minute drive from south Kern County residents," said Bakersfield College president Dr. William M. Andrews. "Our partnership with Bolthouse Properties, LLC and their significant donation of land provides us with the opportunity to meet south county residents' two-year postsecondary educational needs in a convenient and cost-effective manner."

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