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# **Gummy Vitamin Manufacturer Northwest Natural Products<sup>®</sup> Announces Expansion**

Property acquisition in Ridgefield, WA doubles capacity

**Vancouver, WA Oct. 8, 2010** – Northwest Natural Products<sup>®</sup> has purchased the former US Foods building, a 200,000-square-foot facility in Ridgefield, WA. “One of the key factors in selecting the location is accessibility to I-5 and the new \$28 million interchange in Ridgefield, which gives our trucks easy access to the highway,” said Kate Jones, president of Northwest Natural Products (NNP). The company is the leading manufacturer of gummy vitamins and other dietary supplements.

The site, which will be the new home of the company’s shipping and production departments, significantly increases capacity and improves flow of production. Growing demand for Northwest Natural Products’ brands of gummy vitamins and other supplements is fueling the expansion. An estimated 185 employees are slated to begin working there in coming weeks. “We’re thrilled to see the growth within our company, and this new facility will enable us to successfully meet the increased demand for our products. We also are impressed and pleased with the Ridgefield community and business infrastructure,” Jones said.

Following in the green footsteps of the company’s current properties, the new building will be energy efficient by participating in the Clark Public Utilities Commercial/Industrial Lighting Incentive Program. New energy efficient lighting at the facility will allow Northwest Natural Products to achieve substantial energy conservation—cutting consumption by nearly 900,000 kilowatt hours annually, more than 50 percent.

### **About Northwest Natural Products**

Northwest Natural Products has been a leader in the dietary supplement industry more than 25 years. Our innovative products, L’il Critters<sup>®</sup> Gummy Vites<sup>®</sup> for kids and Vitafusion<sup>®</sup> gummies for adults, combine the latest nutritional research with natural ingredients in a unique delivery system that consumers love. We make nutrition taste good. Visit [www.gummybearvitamins.com](http://www.gummybearvitamins.com) and [www.nwnaturalproducts.com/vitafusion](http://www.nwnaturalproducts.com/vitafusion) for more information. L’il Critters<sup>®</sup> and Vitafusion<sup>®</sup> gummy vitamins are available at fine retailers nationwide. High-resolution images and product samples are available upon request.