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**Denver Mayor Hickenlooper Officially Opens
Legacy Plaza — Gates Corporation's New World Headquarters
in Denver's Revitalized
Central Platte Valley District**

DENVER, Colorado — December 29, 2003 — Legacy Plaza, one of the first and largest commercial projects to take shape in Denver's Central Platte Valley District and the new world headquarters for Gates Corporation, officially opened on December 17, 2003.

Denver, Colorado Mayor John Hickenlooper welcomed Gates employees into their new landmark headquarters at 1551 Wewatta Street. Gates president, Richard Bell, also spoke at the event, which was hosted by Multi-Employer Property Trust (MEPT), Kennedy Associates, and Legacy Partners, the building's team of developers and managers who collaborated on this significant urban redevelopment project.

Construction on Legacy Plaza began in 2001 in the midst of a weakened economy and a challenged commercial real estate market. Over the past two years, the building's partners turned those obstacles into an enviable success story, finishing construction 45 days ahead of schedule and \$2 million under budget. With the Gates Corporation as the building's sole tenant, the development's fundamental strength and long-term value were enhanced. The strategic lower Downtown Denver (LoDo) location and the building's unique architecture and design contributed to Gates' decision to lease the entire building for its world headquarters. In his remarks at the building's dedication ceremony, Mayor Hickenlooper thanked Gates for keeping its base in Denver.

The 10-story, 285,197-square-foot building has gained recognition for its design, winning an award at the 2003 Rocky Mountain Commercial Real Estate Expo. Echoing the bend of Wewatta Street, the building's eight-story curved glass curtain wall rests on top of a series of two-story columns that form a pedestrian colonnade. The interior lobby features stainless steel, bird's-eye maple paneling and granite finishes.

Legacy Plaza is a key component in the Central Platte Valley District's development plan. Just a decade ago, the area was known primarily for its crumbling buildings, rows of train tracks, and abandoned box cars. Now, the district is a vital area of growth and revenue for the city, featuring other commercial development, retail shops, restaurants, and multi-modal transportation including light rail.

The Gates Corporation, which employs 650 people locally in Denver, Colorado and 13,000 globally, has operated in Denver since 1911. Its world headquarters was previously located at 999 South Broadway.