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## **Barn Light Electric Company Expands to Mims**

*Lighting manufacturer to open new facility to supplement Titusville headquarters*

**Brevard County, Fla.** (August 10, 2011) – The Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast (EDC) is pleased to announce that Barn Light Electric Company, a lighting manufacturer offering a wide range of lighting, ceiling fans and industrial furniture, will expand its operation into Mims.

Barn Light will maintain its current headquarters in Titusville and expand into a 10,000 sq. ft. facility at 3049 Highway 1 in Mims. With this expansion, the company will increase its workforce by 36% from 32 to 50 employees within 12 months and anticipates a corporate capital investment of \$1.1 million. Barn Light currently contributes over \$4.7 million to the economy. At full employment, the company's projected economic impact will increase to nearly \$7.4 million.

"We have been very fortunate that the plans we have put into place and the execution of those plans have allowed us to develop into an industry leader and a company Brevard County can be proud to call its own," said Trey Solms, General Manager of Barn Light Electric Company. "Our new facility will position us for future growth."

The EDC worked closely with Barn Light to demonstrate the competitive advantages of expanding within Brevard County and identified ways in which the company could reduce costs. The EDC also assisted Barn Light in being awarded a Brevard County Ad Valorem Tax Abatement to help offset the costs of the expansion.

"Barn Light's innovative business model has contributed to the company's growth," said Lynda Weatherman, president & CEO of the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast. "We are delighted that Barn Light has chosen to expand on the Space Coast and benefit from our many competitive advantages, including our highly skilled workforce. We look forward to the company's continued growth and success."

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Beyond this expansion, Barn Light expects to continue on its current growth curve with new purchased or leased facilities. Current projections are for annual sales to be \$15M and employment to reach 75 fulltime workers by 2014.

### **About the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast**

The Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast is dedicated to attracting new business and investment and expanding existing industry throughout the Space Coast, influencing change on government laws and regulations affecting economic development, promoting the Space Coast to encourage new investment, supporting efforts of Space Coast military installations, and relaying new programs and procedures to assist manufacturing and high tech companies. The EDC is a private, not-for-profit coalition whose stakeholders are business leaders committed to the economic growth and stability of Florida's Space Coast. Visit [www.SpaceCoastEDC.org](http://www.SpaceCoastEDC.org).

### **About Barn Light Electric Company**

Barn Light Electric Company is a lighting manufacturer that offers a wide range of lighting, ceiling fans and industrial furniture. Barn Light is the Space Coast's source for original, American-made, gooseneck lights and barn lighting. Barn Light offers a large variety of warehouse shades, gooseneck mounting arms, and multiple finish choices including porcelain enamel. Each wall-mounted exterior light fixture is hand spun by the company to commercial lighting specifications and UL Listed for outdoor wet locations. Visit [www.BarnLightElectric.com](http://www.BarnLightElectric.com).

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