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Last Chance to Register for the New Energy Economy Conference!

The 2nd Annual "New Energy Economy: The Path Forward - A Local Focus" conference on October 14th, at the Colorado Convention Center will stop taking registrations at noon on Friday October, 10th.

The conference will showcase best practice models that power communities into an efficient renewable future. The format has been designed to ensure maximum networking opportunities and will include an exhibit hall of over 50 organizations. The conference offers 6 AICP Continuing Maintenance Credits and 8 Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits.

See the agenda and speaker bios and register for the event at www.energyoutreach.org/conf/index.htm

Round Three of Clean Energy Fund Grants Announced

The GEO is now taking applications for the third round of New Energy Economic Development (NEED) grants. The NEED grants were created using Clean Energy Funds to advance energy efficiency and renewable energy throughout the state and are administered by the GEO.

The NEED grant deadline is November 3, at 5pm. For more information, including the application information and deadlines, visit the GEO website and check under "Resources" at www.colorado.gov/energy

October is Energy Awareness Month

Recognizing that homeowners will face higher heating and utility costs this winter, Gov. Bill Ritter has proclaimed October as "Energy Awareness Month" and is promoting 10 energy saving tips for homeowners during the upcoming winter heating season. Here are ten things you can do to save energy this winter:

- **No Cost**
Start by setting your thermostat to 68°.
Set your water heater to 120°.
In the winter, to make the most of natural sunlight by opening window coverings on south-facing windows to warm your home. If you have a clothes washing machine, use cold water.
- **Low Cost**
Replace your furnace or heat pump filter regularly.
Install water-efficient showerheads and faucets.
Switch to compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs.
Weatherize your home and save up to 10% of your heating and cooling costs.
- **Go Big**
Insulate your home! Find out if you qualify for an Insulate Colorado rebate on the GEO website.
Purchase ENERGY STAR® appliances.

Learn more about all of these tips on the GEO website at www.colorado.gov/energy

Insulation Rebates Available for Home Heating Season

The week of September 15th was proclaimed "Insulate Colorado Week" to highlight residential energy efficiency as a key element of the New Energy Economy and the best way for homeowners to prepare for the upcoming winter heating season.



The GEO Insulate Colorado Program is now being sponsored by more than 55 Colorado cities and counties. Through the program, Colorado homeowners can receive rebates of up to \$300 each for installing attic or wall insulation in their homes.

Don't wait for the shock of your first heating bill, visit www.colorado.gov/energy today to learn more.

Solar Rebate Program: More Rebates, More Partners, More Categories

This month, the GEO announced the expansion of its existing Solar Rebate

Program, to promote solar energy installations and the solar industry in Colorado. The Colorado Solar Energy Industries Association (CoSEIA) was selected by the GEO to administer and market the program.

The program is currently soliciting new program partners from across Colorado interested in receiving matching grant funds for the creation of local solar hot water (SHW) or photovoltaic (PV) rebate programs for their local residents.

New categories have been added to the program including Small Business PV and Solar Hot Water, and an "Orphan" Solar Hot Water program to assist with assessments and repairs of old SHW systems.

To learn more information on how to become a Solar Rebate Program partner, visit www.coseia.org or www.colorado.gov/energy

New Partners Added to the GEO Performance Contracting Program

The GEO announced the renewal of the energy performance contracting program for commercial and public buildings. Performance contracting provides a way for building owners to make upgrades quickly - with no up-front capital - and pay for them through the resulting energy savings.

The corner stone of this program is the pre-qualification of Energy Service Companies (ESCOs) to implement performance contracts across the state, which the GEO initiated in July 2007. By pre-qualifying ESCOs, the GEO streamlines the process and ensures that the highest level of service is being provided. In addition to re-qualifying all 11 of the existing ESCOs, the GEO added two additional companies to the pre-qualified list.

To learn more about the GEO Performance Contracting Program, visit <http://www.colorado.gov/energy/commercial/performance-contracting.asp>

The GEO Hosts Trade Mission to Nevada

In October, with support from the U.S. Department of Energy's GeoPowering the West program, the GEO and the Nevada Division of Minerals will host a Colorado Geothermal Trade Mission to Nevada. Attendees will represent Colorado's geothermal communities, utilities, and government.

Nevada is on the forefront of creating a geothermal electric power industry in their state. Nevada has 300MW of clean renewable geothermal power and will add at least another 500MW in the next 5 years.

The Colorado trade mission will consider how Colorado can create a business environment for more geothermal development and expand opportunities to use geothermal resources for utility-scale power production. Colorado will also host a geothermal trade mission to Iceland in November.

Weatherization Day to Be Celebrated

October 30th is the national "Weatherization Day" which recognizes this essential program that provides free energy efficiency services to income-qualified households. The Governor's Energy Office Energy Saving Partners (ESP) Program manages eight local Colorado agencies that implement weatherization throughout the state.

Weatherization has provided Colorado's neediest families with safe, warm, comfortable homes through energy saving measures and has weatherized more than 100,000 homes in Colorado. The average monthly energy bill is

reduced by 15 to 30 percent after weatherization.

To learn more about the GEO's E\$P program, visit <http://www.colorado.gov/energy/residential/income-upgrades.asp>

Support from the GEO Helps Biomass Heating

The Mountain Parks Environmental Center (MPEC) was awarded Clean Energy Funds award to support the development of two biomass heating systems at the organization's historic lodge. MPEC anticipates the biomass system to:



- save MPEC between \$10,000 and \$20,000 a year
- displace between 6,000 and 10,000 gallons of propane a year
- bring 53 tons of wood waste into a renewable system for heat
- save between 37.5 to 62 tons of CO₂e/year
- educate thousands of people who visit the center about biomass heating, energy efficiency and water conservation

The GEO congratulates the Mountain Parks Environmental Center on their success.

The GEO Needs Your Help to Develop Geothermal Heat Pump Case Studies

The GEO, in partnership with Climatedmaster and the Market Development Group, is working to create a database of geothermal heat pump system installations in Colorado. The findings will be used to create case studies that document representative examples of typical system installations across the state to articulate actual system costs and benefits, in energy and non-energy terms. Efforts will be coordinated with other organizations to verify performance characteristics of the installed systems, where possible.

Organization interested in providing support to this study should contact Katherine Johnson at (301) 461-4865 or kjohnson@marketdevelop.com, or Ed Thomas at (970) 209-8347 or ethomas@marketdevelop.com.

Event Spotlight

October 26 - 29: National Renewable Energy Marketing Conference
The industry's paramount annual gathering attended by leading renewable energy and green power industry stakeholder will be held in Denver this year.

Learn more at the event website: www.renewableenergymarketing.net

Upcoming Events

For more information about these events, visit the [GEO website](#).

10/14/2008 Colorado's New Energy Economy: The Path Forward - A Local Focus
Denver, Colorado

10/15 - 10/17/2008 Colorado Utility Efficiency Exchange
Aspen, Colorado

10/17 - 10/18/2008 Alternative Energy Expo
Delta, Colorado

10/17 - 10/19/2008 Bioneers in Colorado
Boulder, Colorado

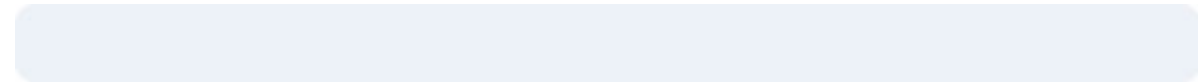
10/23/2008 Rocky Mountain Association of Energy Engineers Energy Forum
Westminster, Colorado

10/23/2008 CRES Monthly Meeting
Denver, Colorado

10/26 - 10/29/2008 National Renewable Energy Marketing Conference
Denver, Colorado

11/5 - 11/6/2008 Built Green University
Loveland, Colorado

11/10/2008 Energy Rater Training
Berthoud, Colorado



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