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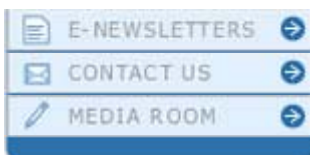
The full event agenda, including a list of speakers, for the second annual "Colorado's New Energy Economy: The Path Forward - A Local Focus" conference has been posted on at [the event website.](#)

The conference will give communities a chance to share local sustainable initiatives that are taking place across Colorado. Examples of best practice models that power communities to take part in an efficient and renewable energy future will be showcased, and participants will have a wide range of networking opportunities. The conference will offer American Planning Association (AIPA) Certification Maintenance credits as well as Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits.

- When: Tuesday, October 14th, 2008
- Where: The Colorado Convention Center - Denver, Colorado
- Cost: \$125

Visit the [event website](#) for more information about how to register and reserve an exhibit space.

The conference is sponsored the Governor's Energy Office (GEO), the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC), the Department of Local Affairs



(DOLA), and the Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC). The state agencies are partnering with Colorado Counties Incorporated (CCI), the Colorado Municipal League (CML) and Energy Outreach Colorado (EOC).

Show Your Support for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in Colorado

The Governor's Energy Office is proud to introduce Project C, a clear and effective program to help all of us in Colorado to do our part to support clean energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. By making a tax-deductible donation to the Colorado Carbon Fund you can be eligible for a special Colorado license plate.



- **Think:** The first step in reducing your carbon footprint is to estimate the amount of greenhouse gases generated by your own daily activities. The website features calculators for individuals, businesses and events. Visit www.ColoradoCarbonFund.org to calculate your carbon footprint.
- **Act:** Take action, and save money. Visit www.ColoradoCarbonFund.org for tips on how to reduce your energy use - and your bill.
- **Fund:** Donate to offset your CO2 emissions. Your tax-deductible donation to the Colorado Carbon Fund supports new clean energy and greenhouse gas mitigation projects in Colorado. The GEO is partnering with the Climate Trust to ensure that all offsets are credible and verifiable.

By donating to the Colorado Carbon Fund you can be eligible for a new special license plate. Learn more at www.ColoradoCarbonFund.org.

Insulate Colorado Week: September 15th - 21st

Next week, September 15th - 21st, the GEO and communities across Colorado will be celebrating "Insulate Colorado Week" to promote residential energy efficiency as the best way to prepare for the winter heating season.

The Insulate Colorado program provides homeowners with a rebate to insulate their home as a way to prepare for rising energy costs. The available rebate is equal to 20% of job cost or up to \$300 per home, and the insulation must be installed by a qualified contractor.

Learn more about Insulate Colorado rebates on the [GEO website](#).

Colorado Awarded Grant to Expedite Renewable Energy Onto Transmission Grid

The GEO has been awarded a \$397,700 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to advance renewable energy in Colorado. The GEO will use this grant funding to develop technical, financial, and policy frameworks to expedite the construction of an additional one thousand megawatts of renewable resource capacity to the Colorado grid.

The objectives of the nine month work effort are to prepare a set of concrete policy recommendations that will:

- Directly address the permitting, siting, and related environmental issues representing major barriers to the integration of renewable

- energy development and transmission expansion.
- Within a regional context, connect several gigawatts of renewable resource capacity from the ten Generation Development Areas identified in a 2007 report of the Colorado General Assembly and the Governor's Office.
- Support both regulated and public utilities to expand the current level of planned transmission investments to the Renewable Resource Generation Development Areas, and
- Be replicable in other states to substantially expand and create an aggregated, regional, renewable energy market.

Read the press release [on the GEO website](#).

Request for Information: State Fleet Efficiency

The GEO has issued a Request for Information (RFI) to identify innovative and viable concepts and models, commercial vendors, service providers, and other interested parties with whom the State might collaborate in improving the efficiency of the state fleet.

Governor Bill Ritter, Jr.'s Greening Government Executive Orders require state agencies to reduce volumetric petroleum consumption by 25 percent from state fiscal year 2005-06 levels by June 30, 2012.

To facilitate the accelerated development of efficient fleets across the State of Colorado, the State intends to cooperatively share the review of submittals to this RFI with Colorado local government sustainability directors and other regional partners in this policy arena for exploration of conceptual approaches to the development of efficient public fleets throughout the region.

Access the full RFI on [the State of Colorado Procurement website](#).

Solar Decathlon Home Hosts GEO Partner Reception and Exhibit During DNC

The GEO had informational exhibits inside the Solar Decathlon during the DNC, and for the successful Green Frontier Fest on September 24th, to show visitors how Colorado is working towards a New Energy Economy. In partnership with Xcel Energy, the University of Colorado and the Governor's Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT), the GEO hosted a partner reception to celebrate Denver's successful DNC week. Attendees were invited to tour the 2007 Solar Decathlon home and the Xcel Energy SmartGrid trailer while connecting with GEO and OEDIT partners. Thanks to everyone who came out.



The GEO and Partners Provide Rebates for Solar Throughout Colorado

New solar systems are being installed all over Colorado as a result of the GEO Solar Rebate Program, which launched this summer. The program offers rebates for solar electric and solar domestic hot water to residents.



The City of Longmont began offering rebates in June for residents wanting to install solar panels, but the city quickly found that the demand outstripped the funds available. The program had \$50,000 on hand (half of it from a state grant) but \$107,000 in requests. The program was recently celebrated when the Longmont Solar Power Partners Program received additional funding (half from the GEO and half from the city) to offer solar rebates to its growing list of applicants.

Look for the GEO Solar Rebate Program to continue to expand throughout Colorado this fall. To learn more about the program, [visit the GEO website.](#)

Documented Quote Solicitation: Biomass Heating Project Emission Stack Testing

The GEO is soliciting documented quotations from individuals or firms that are in the business of providing emission stack testing for biomass heating projects that are currently in operation. Please visit the [State of Colorado Procurement website](#) to view the solicitation.

Event Spotlight

This month the GEO's ENERGY STAR New Homes program partners are hosting a number of great events throughout the state for building industry professionals including realtors, builders and contractors. The schedule includes:

- 9/11 - Builder Information Meeting for Northern Colorado ENERGY STAR Homes
Fort Collins, Colorado - For more information contact Doug Swartz dswartz@fcgov.com.
- 9/22 - HVAC - The Heart and Lungs of the Home
Centennial, Colorado - For more information visit the [event website](#).
- 9/23 - The Thermal Bypass and ENERGY STAR
Denver, Colorado - Visit the [event website](#) for more information.
- 9/24 - Selling and Marketing ENERGY STAR Homes
Colorado Springs, Colorado - Visit the [event website](#) for more information.
- 9/29 - Selling ENERGY STAR New Homes
Parker, Colorado - Visit the [event website](#) for more information.

The GEO, the Governor's Biofuels Coalition and local partners are celebrating the opening of several new biofuels stations this month:

- 9/16, 10am - 2pm
Eagle Travel Shop, 2097 US Hwy. 6, Sterling, Colorado 80751
- 9/23, 11am - 1pm
Western Convenience, 938 S. Townsend Avenue, Montrose, CO 81401

Upcoming Events

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

9/11/2008 Builder Information Meeting - Northern Colorado ENERGY STAR New Homes
Fort Collins, Colorado

9/16/2008 Houses That Work Training
Denver, Colorado

9/22 - 9/24/2008 NHA Fall Forum: Hydrogen from Renewables
Golden, Colorado

9/22/2008 ENERGY STAR New Homes: HVAC - The Heart and the Lungs of
the Home
Centennial, Colorado

9/22 - 9/25/2008 Colorado Association of Transit Agencies
Copper Mountain, Colorado

9/22/ - 9/24/2008 Alternative Energy 2008
Jackson Hole, Wyoming

9/23/2006 ENERGY STAR Requirements, Building Science and the Thermal
Bypass Checklist
Centennial, Colorado

9/24/2008 Making Cents Out of Going Green
Broomfield, Colorado

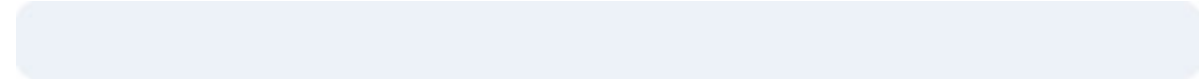
9/24/2008 Selling and Marketing ENERGY STAR Homes
Colorado Springs, Colorado

9/25/2008 CRES Monthly Meeting
Denver, Colorado

9/25 - 9/27/2008 AIA Colorado 2008 Design Conference and Practice
Management Symposium
Vail, Colorado

9/29/2008 Selling ENERGY STAR New Homes
Parker, Colorado

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



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