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Colorado's "Greening Government" Initiative a Regional Finalist

Denver, Colorado August 11, 2006 – The Council of State Governments (CSG) recently named Colorado's "Greening Government" initiative as a Regional Finalist for the 2006 Innovation Awards. The winners are based upon the program's newness, creativity, effectiveness, transferability, and significance of the issues and problems that are addressed.

The Greening Government program is a result of the Governor Owens' Executive Order in July 2005. Greening Government focuses on helping state agencies in the following five areas: energy efficiency, water conservation, waste reduction, transportation, and purchasing.

Drew Bolin, director of the Colorado Office of Energy Management and Conservation said, "Colorado's Greening Government initiative is a national innovation leader because we use a bottom-up, not top-down, approach. State agency employees were asked for their best ideas to achieve results in energy, water and resource conservation. Our initiative has been under way for over a year and we've saved a lot for the taxpayers."

CSG is a multi-branch organization forecasting policy trends for the community of states, commonwealths and territories on a national and regional basis. CSG is interviewing regional award candidates during the CSG-West Annual Conference in Breckenridge, August 10-13. To learn more on CSG or Greening Government, visit www.csg.org or www.colorado.gov/greeninggovernment.

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