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“GOVERNOR’S ENERGY OFFICE OFFERS RESIDENTIAL ENERGY PROGRAMS TO COMMUNITIES”

DENVER– The Governor’s Energy Office (GEO) has two opportunities to partner with Colorado cities, communities, and counties that are interested in implementing residential energy efficiency efforts within their jurisdictions. The programs, Colorado ENERGY STAR New Homes and Insulate & Seal, support energy efficiency in new and existing homes and are designed to be a partnership between GEO and the communities.

GEO is supporting the regional development of the *Colorado ENERGY STAR New Homes Program*. To earn the ENERGY STAR label, a home must meet guidelines for energy efficiency set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). GEO will work with Colorado cities, homebuilder associations, homebuilders and Home Energy Rating partners to support the statewide construction and testing of new energy efficient single family homes built to ENERGY STAR standards. The program will also raise consumer awareness on energy efficiency options in residential new construction, and actively support all participating Colorado ENERGY STAR homebuilders.

GEO offers the *Insulate & Seal Colorado Program for Existing homes* throughout the state. GEO is looking to partner with cities, municipalities, regional organizations and insulation contractors to support the proper installation of insulation and air-sealing measures in Colorado homes. The program also wants to increase consumer awareness of residential energy efficiency options, and actively promote the installation of additional whole-house energy saving measures.

Up to \$25,000 in matching funding for each program is available to municipal partners from GEO. All interested cities and or counties should complete and return an online Interest Form, available at www.colorado.gov/energy, by Friday, November 30, 2007, for either or both programs.

For more information, visit GEO website, www.colorado.gov/energy or contact Eric Stern, Residential Program Manager, at Eric.Stern@state.co.us or (303) 866-2206.

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