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“GOVERNOR’S ENERGY OFFICE ANNOUNCES 18 INSULATE COLORADO PARTNERS”

DENVER– The Governor's Energy Office (GEO) announced that 18 matching grant award recipients, representing 43 statewide community partners, were selected for the 2008 Insulate Colorado program. The recipients will receive funding to be distributed as financial incentives directly to homeowners for the proper installation of either attic or exterior wall insulation in conjunction with the completion of basic air sealing practices. GEO has allocated \$416,800 of Clean Energy funds to the program.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that homeowners can typically save up to 20% of heating and cooling costs, or up to 10% of total energy costs, by air sealing their homes and adding insulation in attics, floors over crawl spaces, and accessible basement rim joists.

“A recent 12% rise in energy costs has many homeowners looking for ways to control energy costs, and a properly insulated home can save money during both the heating and cooling seasons,” said Tom Plant, GEO Director. “GEO is using Clean Energy Funds to help homeowners insulate their homes, buy more energy efficient homes through the ENERGY STAR for New Homes program and ultimately to, save energy, money, and reduce their carbon footprint.”

City and county officials will work closely with area insulation contractors to ensure appropriate insulation levels are installed for the specific climate zone, and to promote the rebate program to homeowners. Rebates are expected to be available beginning in April 2008. Funding was allocated on a matching basis between GEO and municipal partners.

Insulate Colorado rebate amounts may vary based on local program implementation, but incentives will typically be offered to homeowners at 20% of the total job cost or \$300, whichever amount is less. All rebates will be issued through local city and county government, or via an identified not-for-profit agency on behalf of the municipality.

To qualify for the Insulate Colorado rebate, a homeowner must have insulation installed in their homes to levels recommended by the Department of Energy (DOE) for their region's climate zone. Rebates will only be offered for insulation work completed by a program eligible contractor, and upon receipt of both the completed official rebate request form and documentation that the contractor has completed the installation.

The 43 community partners participating in the Insulate Colorado program are: *Active Energies, Boulder County, Center for Resource Conservation, City and County of Denver, City of Arvada, City of Aspen, City of Boulder, City of Cortez, City of Durango, City of Fort Collins, City of Glenwood Springs, City of Jamestown, City of Lafayette, City of Longmont, City of Lafayette, City of Longmont, City of Louisville, City of Lyons, City of Nederland, Colorado Energy Science Center (CESC), Colorado Springs Utilities, Carbondale Office for Resource Efficiency (CORE), Eagle County, Eagle Valley Alliance for Sustainability, E-Star Colorado, Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency (4CORE), Green Heart Institute, High County Conservation Center, La Plata County, La Plata Electric, New Community Coalition, Office for*

Resource Efficiency (ORE), San Miguel County, Southwest Housing Solutions, Summit County, Town of Basalt, Town of Breckenridge, Town of Carbondale, Town of Crested Butte, Town of Frisco, Town of Mountain Village, Town of Mt Crested Butte, Town of Superior.

Additional Insulate Colorado program information can be found at the Governor's Energy Office's website: www.colorado.gov/energy.

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