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Greetings from the Governor's Energy Office (GEO). We hope you enjoy this month's edition of the GEO E-news.

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**Colorado's New Energy Economy: The Path Forward - A Local Focus**  
 Governor Bill Ritter, Jr. invites you to attend the second annual "Colorado's New Energy Economy: The Path Forward - A Local Focus" conference. 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.

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

Limited exhibit space is available at this event. Visit the [event page on GEO's 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 Division 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).



### **The Governor's Energy Office Offers Energy Efficient Rebuilding Assistance for Tornado Impacted Communities**

The GEO has announced opportunities for support for those impacted by the powerful storm that touched down in Weld County in late May. The GEO will help homeowners, renters, and builders save money and save energy as they rebuild their communities through four of existing programs: ENERGY STAR New Homes, Energy Saving Partners, Insulate Colorado, and Solar Domestic Hot Water. Please visit [GEO's website](#) for more information.

### **Understanding the HOA Bill**

For many Coloradoans, installing an energy efficiency or renewable energy device on their home is perhaps the most immediate way that they can participate in the New Energy Economy. Recognizing the burgeoning interest in energy efficiency and renewable energy, the GEO has prepared a new website section to assist homeowners, commercial property owners, homeowners' associations (HOA's) and contractors in implementing House Bill (HB) 08-1270, also known as "The HOA Bill".

[Visit the new section on GEO's website.](#)

### **Internships with Governor's Energy Office Available**

The Governor's Energy Office is currently offering a number of internship positions including:

Anaerobic Digestion & Farm Industry Intern  
Biofuels Education & Outreach Intern  
Energy Service Company Project Intern  
Greening Government Green Fleet Intern  
Energy Units Education Intern

To learn more about these positions, and for an application, visit the [GEO website](#).

### **The GEO Begins Development of Colorado's Own High Performance School Rating Program**

The GEO K-12 High Performance Design Program has begun working with a technical advisory committee to create a high performance building rating program specifically for Colorado K-12 schools. The program is a set of criteria called the Colorado Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CO-CHPS) and it will serve as a tool to help school districts design and certify schools that save energy and water, reduce operating costs, provide healthy indoor environments and improve student and teacher satisfaction.

The advisory committee is made up of members of the K-12 design and construction community including school district officials, district energy managers, architects, engineers, contractors, landscape designers, state environmental and health officials and others. CO-CHPS is being developed to address the challenges and opportunities for Colorado school districts including our climate, regulations and the state's energy and climate goals. The CO-CHPS criteria is expected to be released for its first public review period in late September.

For more information please contact Tim Guiterman at [tim.guiterman@state.co.us](mailto:tim.guiterman@state.co.us) or 303-866-3965.

### **Grants Available for On-Farm Energy Projects**

Grant funding totaling \$500,000 is now available through the Advancing

Colorado's Renewable Energy (ACRE) program to promote agricultural energy related projects.

Funds will be allocated in three categories: feasibility studies, project participation, and research. Interested applicants are required to provide a matching contribution of at least 10 percent of the total project budget, and funds may not be utilized for paying down current debt, general administrative expenses or for indirect institutional overhead costs. Applications and a \$50 nonrefundable application fee must be received by September 17, 2008.

Applicants are encouraged to visit [www.colorado.gov/ag/energy](http://www.colorado.gov/ag/energy) for full details on how to apply as well as a listing of current and completed projects since the program began. Visitors are able to search for current ACRE projects by renewable energy type such as biofuel, biogas, wind and solar among others; or by county.

### GEO Staff Profile

**Jeff Lyng**, formerly the Commercial Buildings Program Manager is now the Renewable Energy Program Manager at the GEO. The state has experienced enormous growth in the renewable energy sector, which has created an immediate need for the GEO to assist utilities, municipalities, state agencies and all Coloradoans in taking advantage of the opportunities created under the New Energy Economy. Jeff will be responsible for fostering the deployment of renewable distributed and central power in Colorado, and will work to break down financial, legal, technical and social barriers in order to promote greater penetration of renewable energy into the Colorado fuel mix. Jeff can be contacted at [Jeff.Lyng@state.co.us](mailto:Jeff.Lyng@state.co.us).

### Joel Asrael

will transition to managing the GEO's Performance Contracting program. The GEO works with facilities managers and owners to improve the energy efficiency of existing buildings. Energy performance contracting is an affordable way to make investments in new energy-efficiency equipment - with no up-front capital - and pay for them later through the energy savings that result. Benefits are immediate: new equipment, expertise from energy service professionals, ongoing maintenance services, and the ability to accomplish many projects all at once. Best of all, these savings can be guaranteed. Joel can be reached at [Joel.Asrael@state.co.us](mailto:Joel.Asrael@state.co.us).

**Tim Guiterman** will manage the GEO's High Performance Design program. The GEO High Performance Design Program is aimed at assisting K-12 public schools, municipal and county buildings, higher education and state agencies in designing and constructing buildings that significantly reduce energy use, operating costs and carbon footprints. These buildings will also promote the health and comfort of occupants and be designed for maintainability and responsiveness to changing economic conditions and energy constraints. Tim can be reached at [Tim.Guiterman@state.co.us](mailto:Tim.Guiterman@state.co.us).

### Upcoming Events

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

8/13 - 8/15/2008 Efficient Conversion of Solar Energy to Electricity and Fuels: Critical Research Directions and Tutorial  
Boulder, Colorado

8/14/-8/15/2008 Four Corners Utility Efficiency Exchange  
Durango, Colorado

8/14 - 17/2008 Solar Heating Design and Natural Building Workshop -  
Crestone Solar School  
Crestone, Colorado

8/16/2008 Four Corners Home Energy Makeover Workshop and Expo  
Durango, Colorado

8/20/2008 ENERGY STAR Summit Stakeholder Meeting  
Denver, Colorado

8/21/2008 CRES Monthly Meeting: "The Road from Fossil Fuels to a  
Sustainable Energy Economy: The Strategy in Iceland as a Model"  
Denver, Colorado

8/24/2008 - Green Frontier Fest  
Denver, Colorado

8/31 - 9/3/2008 Crestone Energy & Sustainability Fair  
Crestone, Colorado

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



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