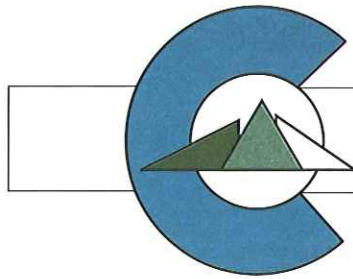


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July 16, 2008

Jack Kirtland, Regional Manager  
Colorado Department of Local Affairs  
222 S. 6th St., Rm. 409  
Grand Junction, CO 81501

Dear Mr. Kirtland:

The following partners are working together to submit a collaborative regional proposal to respond to the DOLA/GEO announcement of the New Energy Communities Initiative.

Town of Parachute  
City of Rifle  
Town of New Castle  
City of Glenwood Springs  
Town of Carbondale  
Town of Basalt  
Roaring Fork School District Re-1  
Garfield School District Re-2  
Glenwood Springs Chamber Resort Association  
Clean Energy Economy for the Region (CLEER) and Community Office for Resource Efficiency (CORE) -- nonprofit organizations specializing in clean energy issues serving as conveners of grant application partners  
Garfield County -- serving as fiscal agent

Attached is a draft outline of the proposed project as requested by DOLA and GEO.

We are also working to engage additional partners in our region to participate in the final proposal. Additional partners may include local governments, other chambers of commerce, non-profits working in the energy sector, and private sector partners.

Our goal with this proposal is to create high-impact tangible results and ongoing services to advance a clean energy economy, tapping the economies of scale created by multiple jurisdictions and sectors joining together. We look forward to working with the Department of Local Affairs and the Governor's Energy Office to fully develop this exciting opportunity.

Sincerely,

  
John F. Martin, Chair  
Garfield County Board of County Commissioners

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