

Preface

The City of Albuquerque, the Mayor's Office and the City Council are pleased to have developed the first comprehensive **Energy Conservation Code** in the State of New Mexico. **The 2007 Albuquerque Energy Conservation Code** reflects a concerted, combined effort between local government and those in the building, and building-related, industries to develop a code acceptable to all. An effective Energy Conservation Code is essential to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases generated by buildings. It is estimated that the building industry generates 39% of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions and 48% of all greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the United States.

The **2007 Albuquerque Energy Conservation Code** is one element of the Mayor's effort to achieve the goals of the 2030 Challenge ensuring new buildings are carbon neutral by the year 2030. Green building standards reduce greenhouse gas emissions by advancing energy efficiency and renewable green energy. Green buildings are cost-effective, provide healthy places for people to live, learn and work while supporting municipal conservation and environmental goals.

The Mayor and the City Council would like to thank the Green Ribbon Task Force which includes leaders from the design and building industries, as well as others, for working together to craft such a comprehensive energy code. The assistance provided by the Task Force was invaluable.