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**“NEW ENERGY ECONOMY: THE PATH FORWARD – A LOCAL FOCUS”  
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES NOW AVAILABLE**

DENVER– The second annual “New Energy Economy: The Path Forward – A Local Focus” conference will focus on local issues and be held on October 14, 2008. The conference is sponsored by the Governor's Energy Office (GEO), 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) for the event, which will take place at the Colorado Convention Center.

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.

“Communities are looking for resources and assistance to build and sustain vibrant economies. Leveraging energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies is one way to ensure that local communities remain good places to live and work,” said Tom Plant, the director of the Governor's Energy Office. “This conference will focus on these issues and provide information and networking on how to advance Colorado to a New Energy Economy.”

Online registration is available as well as opportunities for exhibiting. To register or reserve exhibitor space, visit [www.colorado.gov/energy](http://www.colorado.gov/energy). The agency sponsors are currently seeking accreditation for the conference with the Continuing Legal Education (CLE), as well as the American Planning Association for credits.”

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