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EXECUTIVE ORDER GREENING OF STATE GOVERNMENT

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order concerning enhancing the efficiency and greening of state government.

1. Background and Need

State government needs to operate as efficiently as possible, but at the same time it is important to set an example through efforts to reduce the use of limited resources, increase the cost-effectiveness of state government, and improve Colorado's environment and the health of our children and future generations. Accordingly, the State of Colorado is committed to business practices that contribute to the mutually compatible goals of economic vitality, a healthy environment and strong communities.

The State has already taken significant steps in this direction, particularly under Executive Order D 014 03, Energy Performance Contracting to Improve State Facilities. The Department of Corrections through its Energy Management Program avoids \$1.8 million in annual costs (10 percent of its utility budget) and is planning additional facility improvements that could result in avoided annual costs exceeding \$1 million. The Department of Human Services through its aggressive program to manage its \$5.3 million annual utility budget achieved a 10 percent level of cost avoidance and is implementing projects through performance contracts that will avoid an additional \$1,000,000 in annual utility costs. The Department of Personnel and Administration, with the Judicial Department and the Department of Labor & Employment, is using performance contracting for a large-scale, comprehensive effort that captures \$800,000 in annual reductions to pay for \$14 million in facility upgrades. Other state agencies including the Department of Military Affairs, Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind, Department of Public Health and Environment, and Department of Natural Resources are implementing similar projects.

Within state government, such sustainable practices require decisions based on a systematic evaluation of the costs and long-term impacts of an activity or product on health and safety, communities, and the environment and economy of the State of Colorado. State agencies, through changes in daily operations, ongoing programs, and long-range planning, are able to simultaneously have a significant positive impact on the environment, economic efficiency of state government, and the character of our communities. Government can also foster markets for emerging environmental technologies and products. Finally, state government can be a model for environmental leadership by implementing pollution prevention and resource conservation programs that not only enhance environmental protection, but also save taxpayers' money through reduced costs, including reduced material costs, waste disposal costs and utility bills.

The most effective manner for state government to implement such programs is through the establishment of systems and procedures to evaluate costs and manage environmental impacts. This system should be developed and implemented consistently across state government with the assistance of the Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation, Department of Public Health and Environment and Department of Personnel and Administration.

2. Directive

- A. I hereby direct the Executive Directors of all state agencies and departments to evaluate their current business operations in accordance with the goals of this Order and develop and implement policies and procedures to promote environmentally sustainable and economically efficient practices, including, but not limited to:
- i. Adopting the United States Green Buildings Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System™ for Existing Buildings (LEED-EB) in operating, maintaining and managing existing buildings, to the extent applicable and practicable.
 - ii. Incorporating LEED for New Construction (LEED-NC) practices to design energy and resource efficient new buildings, to the extent that this is deemed cost-effective.
 - iii. Initiating an energy management program to monitor and manage utility usage and costs, as resources become available.
- B. I hereby direct the Executive Directors of the Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation, Department of Public Health and Environment, and Department of Personnel and Administration, to establish a Colorado Greening Government Coordinating Council (Council) to include representatives from each state agency and department.
- C. I hereby direct the Council to develop, implement, and augment programs, plans and policies that save money, prevent pollution and conserve natural resources throughout state government management and operations, including but not limited to source and waste reduction, energy efficiency, water conservation, recycling, fleet operations, environmental preferable purchasing, and establishing state-wide goals to save taxpayers' money and reduce environmental impacts.
- D. I hereby direct State agencies and departments to provide all reasonable assistance and cooperation requested by the Council for the purpose of carrying out this order.
- E. I hereby direct each State agency or department to annually submit to the Council a list of all projects implemented in accordance with this Executive Order in the previous calendar year and the resultant environmental benefits and cost savings.

To assist agencies in this effort, the Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation offers technical services to all State departments and agencies.

3. Duration

This Executive Order shall remain in force until further modification or rescission by the Governor.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State
of Colorado, this 15th
day of July, 2005.

Bill Owens
Governor