

Executive Energy Leadership Academy Alumni

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Leadership Program

2015 Participants

- Samuel Anderson, Colorado Department of Agriculture
- Robert Anselmi, Department of Veterans Affairs
- Michael Buckner, Creative Sensor, Inc.
- Lilly Ellen Edwards, University of Colorado
- Robert Edwards, Jr., Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton, LLP
- Maria Eisemann, Northern Colorado Clean Cities
- Julia Ferguson, Adams County Government
- Joel Hendrickson, Public Utility Commission, State of Colorado
- Shari Kelley, New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources
- Jeffrey King, Office of Economic Development and International Trade
- Robert Kirkpatrick, U.S. General Services Administration – Public Building Service
- Ann Livingston, Southwest Energy Efficiency Project
- Pedram Mohseni, Duke Energy Corp
- Bill Peck, Cummins Rocky Mountain
- Richard Pinkham, Booz Allen Hamilton
- Eileen Prado, Solar Rating & Certification Corporation
- Stan Rosinski, Electric Power Research Institute
- Alyssa Schear, Saunders Construction
- James Stevens, Hanbury Evans Wright Vlattas & Co.
- LeeAnn Westfall, Douglas County School District

2014 Participants

- Gary "Bernie" Bernfeld, City of Austin Electric Utility Commission
- Drew Bolin, Colorado Public Utilities Commission
- Meredith Brooks, FirmGreen, Inc.
- John David Canney, Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado
- Sean Conboy, Vail Resorts
- Elyse Hottel, City of Boulder
- Nellis Kennedy-Howard, Sierra Club
- Adam Knoff, Unico Properties, LLC
- Ward Lenz, Advanced Energy
- Zuhair Mased, University of California, Merced
- Anthony Molinaro, Jr., Allen & Shariff Engineering, LLC
- Michael O'Malley, Xcel Energy
- Deborah Ortega, Denver City Council
- Laura Richardson, The Jordan Institute
- Penny Whitney, Rocky Mountain Technology Alliance

- Christopher Worley, Colorado Energy Office

2013 Participants

- Korin Crawford, Ekology Infrastructure
- Thom Johnson, Eaton Energy Solutions, Inc.
- Lee Ledesma, City of Aspen Utilities and Environmental Initiatives
- Jennifer Miller, Sierra Club
- Rick Moats, Adolfson & Peterson
- Paul Morgan, Colorado Geological Survey
- Randy Muller, Bank of America
- Lizette Peña, CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP
- George Pond, Denver Zoo
- Brandon Rattiner, U.S. Senator Mark Udall
- Charles Rienhardt, GSA
- Meghan Riesterer, Medical Center Company
- David Roberts, National Park Service, Denver Service Center
- Christine Shapard, Colorado Cleantech Industry Association
- Paul Sweat, National Instruments
- Sara Telano, Arkansas Economic Development Commission-Energy Office
- Rodney Vanderwall, DPA, Office of the State Architect

2012 Participants

- Charles H. Allison, Jr., Associate Professor, The Milano School of International Affairs
- Marcia Black-Watson, Energy Market Talent Director, Workforce Development Agency, State of Michigan
- Clay Butler, Managing Partner, Butler Firm, PLLC
- Martha Butwin, Senior International Trade Specialist, U.S. Department of Commerce
- Carol Dollard, Energy Engineer, Colorado State University
- Mark Dow, Vice President, Lockheed Martin, Information Systems and Global Solutions
- Jennifer Gardner, Attorney/Policy Analyst, Western Interstate Energy Board
- Patrick Hamel, Sustainability Unit Program Manager, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
- Karen Hancock, Environmental Program Supervisor, City of Aurora, Colorado
- Keith Hay, Demand Side Analyst, Colorado Public Utilities Commission
- Richard Hemmingsen, Director, Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment, University of Minnesota
- Brett Jackson, Energy and Mechanical Engineering Lead, Colorado Army National Guard
- Linda Kogan, Sustainability Director, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
- Tim Martinez, Senior Business Development Specialist, Office of Economic Development, City & County of Denver
- Manisha Patel, Deputy Associate Director for Regulatory Policy, White House Council on Environmental Quality
- Jan Peterson, Director, Poudre Valley REA
- Raimone Roberts, Executive Vice President, Empire Construction Services
- Nicholas Schiavo, Energy Specialist, City of Santa Fe
- Kyle Zeringue, Business Development Director, Louisiana Economic Development

2011 Participants

- Carrie Atiyeh, Public Affairs Director, ZeaChem, Inc.
- Clay Benson, Preconstruction Director, Mortenson Construction
- Page Bolin, Real Estate Portfolio Agent, Colorado State Land Board
- Mathew Buchwald, Senior Client Manager, Bank of America Merrill Lynch
- Bill Dalton, Professional Engineer, Colorado Public Utilities Commission
- Pat Duran, Executive Director, Yuma County Economic Development
- Darren T. Engle, CEO, Acudyn Incorporated
- Liz Gilchrist, Executive Director, Clean Economy Network
- Art Hale, Colorado State Fleet Manager, Colorado State Government
- Isaac Kos-Read, External Affairs Director, Port of Oakland
- Eric Lane, Director of Conservation Services, Colorado Department of Agriculture
- Mark Mathews, Shareholder, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
- Kylah McNabb, Wind Development Specialist, Oklahoma Department of Commerce
- Sarah Mitchell, Sustainability Coordinator, Colorado Department of Transportation
- Zack Shariff, CEO, Allen & Shariff Corporation
- Steve Skarda, Renewable Energy Leader, Procter & Gamble
- Jill Terry, Executive MBA and Custom Executive Programs Director, CSU College of Business
- Christopher Votoupal, Deputy Press Secretary, U.S. Rep. Ed Perlmutter (CO-07)
- Cary Weiner, Clean Energy Specialist, Colorado State University Extension
- Ranjini Zucker, Senior Contracts Administrator, Southern California Association of Governments

2010 Participants

- Cori Andreatta, Community Energy Coordinator, 4Core
- Thomas Binet, Trade Specialist, Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade
- Li Han Chan, Director of Operations, Nevada Institute for Renewable Energy Commercialization
- Dave Clute, Solutions Lead, Cisco Systems, Inc.
- Jason Coccia, Associate, Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc.
- Yugoslav Cuculiza, Chief Executive Officer, Edicosa SA
- Brian Good, Operations and Maintenance Director, Denver Water
- Dave Hornbacher, Utilities and Renewable Energy Deputy Director, City of Aspen
- Nancy Hovde, Board of Directors Member, Delta Montrose Electric Association
- David Johnston, Corporate Project Engineer, Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.
- Zane Kessler, Energy and Natural Resources Community Liaison, Office of U.S. Senator Michael Bennet
- iLona Major, Sustainability Coordinator, City of Lone Tree
- Scott Miller, Energy and Environmental Programs Director, Ohio University's Voinovich School of Leadership
- Christine Murphy, Senior Project Architect, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority
- John Osborne, Operations Manager, CB Richard Ellis
- Don Scarsella, Energy Program Manager, Owens Corning
- Sanjeeva Senanayake, Energy Finance Vice President, HSH Nordbank
- Bill Skowronski, Chief Executive Officer, Renewable World Foundation
- Brian Stevens, Lieutenant Colonel, Texas Army National Guard

2009 Participants

- Tom Acre, Deputy City Manager, City of Commerce City
- Matthew Appelbaum, Mayor, City of Boulder
- Sharon Barrett, Senior Director, Cushman & Wakefield
- Karen Benker, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Longmont
- Jim Benson, City Council Member, City of Commerce City
- Bruce Biggi, Economic Development Manager, City of Greeley
- James Bosch, Visitors Program/National Bioenergy Center, National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- Steve Catanach, Light & Power Manager, City of Fort Collins
- Bob Churchwell, City Administrator, City of Burlington
- Peter Dawson, County Commissioner/Chair, Baca County
- Frances Draper, Executive Director, Boulder Economic Council
- Keith Fife, Long Range Planning Division Director, Mesa County
- Robert FitzGerald, City Council Member/Mayor Pro Tem, City of Aurora
- John Hall, Business Development Officer, Office of Economic Development - City of Westminster
- Stephen Hall, Executive Director, Western TechSet
- Anne Hayes, Vice President, Westfield Company
- Michael Kirk, Director of Facilities Services, Larimer County
- Irene Law, Chief Operating Officer, American Solar Energy Society
- Michael Masciola, Vice President, Northern Colorado Economic Development Corporation
- Lisa Nolder, Economic Development Director, Southeast Colorado Business, Retention, Expansion & Attraction (SEBREA)
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- Susan Osborne, City Council Member, City of Boulder
- Frank Phillips, City Council Member, City of Lafayette
- Scott Prestidge, Senate Staff, Colorado Senator Mark Udall
- Scott Randall, Town Manager, Town of Superior
- Kathleen Seelye, Managing Partner, Ricca Newmark Design
- Greg Severance, Director of Public Works, Pueblo County
- Matthew Singleton, Vice President, Project Management, Prologis
- Christopher Smith, Program Manager, Denver Office of Economic Development
- Virgil Turner, Administrative Services Director, City of Montrose
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2008 Participants

- Tamra Allen, Assistant Manager, Town of Pagosa Springs
- Thomas Baker, Town Manager, Town of Carbondale
- Mark Buschenfeldt, Project Manager, Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade
- Jack Crawford, Director, Denver Finance Lab
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- Angie Fyfe, Greening Government Program Manager, Governor's Energy Office
- Hans Kallam, Director, Colorado Division of Emergency Management
- Julie Klein, Director of Environmental Affairs, Vail Resorts, Inc.

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- Scott Morrissey, Greenprint Denver Program Manager, Denver Mayor's Office
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- Lynn Sargent, Business Development Representative, Denver Office of Economic Development
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- Patricia Vice, Executive Director, Lincoln County Economic Development Corp

2007 Participants

- Jeanette Alberg, Area Representative, U.S. Senator Wayne Allard
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- Chris Berry, Mayor, City of Lafayette, Colorado
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- Don Fitzmartin, Senior Vice President, CB Richard Ellis
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- Mary W. Jeffreys, Energy Industry Coordinator, Metro Denver WIRED Initiative
- Dave Noel, Vice President Operations/CIO, Denver Museum of Nature and Science
- James Schrack, Environmental Program Supervisor, City of Aurora, Colorado
- Andrew R. Torbin, Sustainability Analyst, ProLogis
- Constance Volz, President, Premier Parking LLC

Leadership Institute

2015 Participants

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- Lina Barrera, Conservation International
- Tim Beal, Boulder Housing Partners
- Jonathan Bortles, University of Colorado Boulder
- Amy Bourne, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Craig Burton, PositivEnergy Practice, LLC
- Peter Uel, Castro Coastal Renewable Energy Technology Center
- Molly Cripps, TN Department of Environment & Conservation, Office of Energy Programs
- Wayne Dupuis, fond du lac reservation
- Jeremy Epstein, Harcourt Brown & Carey
- David Gabrielson, PACENow
- Eric Griesenbrock, Air Force Research Laboratories
- Christopher Halpin, Celtic Energy, Inc.

- Katie Hantson, U.S. Marine Corps Expeditionary Energy Office
- Anna Henderson, Minnesota Environmental Quality Board
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- Annie Levenson-Falk, Minnesota Legislative Energy Commission
- Sarah Mullkoff, Michigan Environmental Council
- Jeff O'Neil, Office of Representative Ed Perlmutter
- Susie Strife, Boulder
- Lindsay Weber, Denver Water
- Anna Zawisza, Alliance for Sustainable Colorado

2014 Participants

- John Bleem, Platte River Power Authority
- Leisa Brug, Arizona Governor's Office of Energy Policy
- Drew Carney, Prologis
- David Carr, Frank Phillips College
- Jennifer Clanahan, Rep. Diana DeGette
- Todd Colpron, Indy Power Systems
- Colette Crouse, City of Boulder, Local Environmental Action Division
- Dan Fatton, Electrochemical Society
- Ellie Friedman, Colorado Public Utilities Commission
- Ken Joseph, Highlands Ranch Community Association, Inc.
- John King, Austin Chamber of Commerce
- Julie Lawhorn, Appalachian Regional Commission
- Rebecca Lim, Colorado Public Utilities Commission
- Diana McKeown, Great Plains Institute
- James Mietz, Sustainable Environmental Economic Development Park, International
- Rachel Posner, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Operational Energy
- Patrick Schwinghammer, Telecommunications Consultant
- Tim Slentz, United States Navy
- Heather Stapel, Allen & Shariff Engineering, LLC
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2013 Participants

- Tim Bennett, Flood and Peterson
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- Katy Bigner, City of Fort Collins
- Aaron Briggs, HB&A
- Tina Chase, San Diego Gas & Electric Company
- Jorge Diaz Pardo, Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade
- Jerry Flannery, Highlands Ranch Community Association
- Yael Gichon, City of Boulder
- Aaron Harper, Duke Energy Corporation
- Charles Howland, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III
- Michael Lowell, U.S. General Services Administration
- Lorrie McAllister, Colorado Renewable Energy Society

- Tonie Miyamoto, Colorado State University, Housing & Dining Services
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- Wasiu Adedeji Tijani, Transmission Company of Nigeria
- Drew Warshaw, NRG Energy, Inc.
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2012 Participants

- Steve Barwick, City Manager, City of Aspen, Colorado
- David Beins, Portfolio Manager, Australian Solar Institute
- Abbie Brewer, Executive Director, FORE Alliance
- Patricia Carberry, Principal, Renewable Energy Focus Grants
- Macon Cowles, City Council Member, City of Boulder, Colorado
- Erin Duckett, Energy Market Talent Coordinator, Workforce Development Agency, State of Michigan
- Julia Fitzpatrick, Project Manager, City and County of Denver
- Kala Fleming, Principal, The FHWGroup
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- Bill Gratopp, Commissioner, St. Clair County Board of Commissioners, Michigan
- Robert Harberg, Utilities Project Management Coordinator, City of Boulder, Colorado
- Suzanne Jones, City Council Member, Boulder City Council, Colorado
- Bill Kauffman, Administrator/Controller, St. Clair County, Michigan
- Shawna McWaters-Khalousi, Oklahoma Green Projects Director, Oklahoma Department of Commerce
- Ashish Saxena, Technology Analyst, Infosys Limited
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2011 Participants

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- Jorge Madrid, Research Associate, Center for American Progress
- Keith Meyer, Energy and Technology Coordinator, Environmental Law Institute
- Tom Morgan, Project Director, Colorado Department of Labor and Employment
- Jeffrey Nathanson, Business Development Executive Director, National Jewish Health
- Tom Ochterski, Energy and Capital Projects Coordinator, City of Westminster, Colorado
- Phillip Saieg, Center Director, Alliance for Sustainable Colorado
- Stacy Smith, Conservation Specialist, Denver Water
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- Robert Young, Director of Transportation, Boulder Valley School District, Colorado
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