

# Energy Services Coalition Colorado Chapter 2016 Highlights

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## **Dear Chapter Member,**

As we ring in 2017, exciting things are happening with the Energy Services Coalition all around the nation.

The Colorado "2016 Highlights" is a snapshot of performance contracting news and headlines that our Colorado members have shared with us during the past year. To stay up-to-date, or to share a news item with us – please visit the [Colorado ESC Chapter Facebook](#) page.

Happy New Year,  
Jim Arwood  
ESC Executive Director

## **Colorado Awarded 2016 ESC Energy Stewardship Award**

August 11, 2016: ESC President Tom Walther, presented the first ESC Energy Stewardship Awards to 10 states at the 5th Annual Market Transformation Conference. Awards. Colorado was recognized for a combination of state's leadership, programmatic design, and the amount of private sector investment in guaranteed energy savings performance contracting in the state.

Colorado initiated its energy performance contracting program in the early 1990s, and soon after a public/private partnership formed the Colorado ESC chapter. Throughout their joint history, the Colorado Energy Office (CEO) and the

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Colorado ESC Chapter have partnered to ensure successful implementation of GESPC projects throughout the state.

The CEO hit a significant program milestone earlier this summer when the state surpassed \$500 million in GESPC projects. To date, more than 140 public jurisdictions have executed nearly 200 energy performance contracts, leveraging over \$32 million in annual guaranteed utility savings to pay for energy efficiency improvements in administration buildings, schools, courthouses, jails and correctional facilities, libraries, health clinics, veterans housing, ballparks and other community facilities. A GESPC project is benefitting at least one community in 75 percent of Colorado's counties.

### **Colorado Recognized for \$125 million Pledge toward national \$2 billion goal**

During the Opening Keynote at the 5th Annual ESC Market Transformation Conference in Louisville, Dr. Kathleen Hogan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, U.S. Department of Energy, recognized the commitment of Colorado for their efforts in promoting Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contracting.

Dr. Hogan recognized Colorado as a partner in the DOE's ESPC Accelerator Program, and the state's pledge of \$125 million toward reaching the Department's \$2 billion goal for public-sector energy efficiency GESPC investments at the state and local level. The \$2 billion goal covers the period from January 2013 to December 2016.

### **Denver Partners on first-ever GESPC**

The City and County of Denver has entered into its first-ever energy performance contract. Denver's performance contract includes 88 energy efficiency improvements to 14 of the city's most energy intensive buildings, including four recreation centers, four libraries, three fire stations, and the 911 Call Center. Through these

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improvements, the city is guaranteed to save over \$2.4 million in the first 15 years.

## Water and Wastewater Market Support

In FY16, the CEO and Colorado ESC began work with Western Resource Advocates and other Colorado River Basin states to identify how GESPC might better capture opportunities to improve water conservation at public facilities.

## What Success Looks Like -- Colorado Style . . .

The Hillcrest Care Center, a community nursing home in Wray, Colorado, showcases the best of Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contracts. The Center's \$990,000 GESPC, supplemented by a \$1.8 million in grants, brought together state agencies, private sector Energy Service Company and private foundations to extend the life of a vital community partner.

In 2014, the Hillcrest Care Center faced closure, which would have forced 70 elderly residents to move over 100 miles to the closest nursing care facility. Wray Community District Hospital acquired the care center, but faced critical and costly building repairs to keep the facility open. They turned to the state's pre-qualified ESCO list to find a partner to help identify building improvements, and potential energy and water savings. Following a comprehensive investment grade energy audit, capital was secured to fund improvements to the facility's energy equipment, and in the Spring of 2016 the project was completed.

## SAVE THE DATE

The 6th Annual Energy Services Coalition Market Transformation Conference is being held August 23 and 24 at the [Green Valley Ranch and Spa](#) in Henderson, Nevada. This year's conference will showcase innovation, case studies, best practices and more in Energy Savings Performance Contracting and public building energy

which are limiting the effective use of ESPC. So, if you are still involved in energy savings performance contracting programs, products or services, then coming back to the Energy Services Coalition may be right for you. Please consider [renewing](#) your membership.

retrofits. Stay tuned for more details. See ya' in Henderson.

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