



U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL – COLORADO

The Green Building Community

USGBC Colorado
1821 Blake Street
Suite 3D
Denver, CO 80202
303-292-6181
www.usgbccolorado.org



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Shawna McGregor, shawna@rosengrouppr.com, 303-455-9292

COLORADO'S GREEN BUILDING LEADERS COME TOGETHER FOR ROCKY MOUNTAIN GREEN

Denver, CO (April 8, 2014) – As Union Station, and some of Denver's most exciting sustainable projects set to open to the public this season, the Rocky Mountain region's leading green building providers will come together next Thursday, April 17, and Friday, April 18, for a summit on green innovations in the built environment.

The two-day conference will explore issues ranging from net zero energy and tactical urbanism to how to best take advantage of emerging green building economic opportunities. Friday's program will offer several onsite tours of sustainable trailblazers, such as Lamar Station Crossing, Highland Park, and the History Colorado Center.

"MKK Consulting Engineers, Inc is very excited to host the History Colorado Center tour on Friday [April 18]. The Center is one of our showcase projects that we designed a few years ago, and getting to show off all of its energy efficient features is really fun for us. The LEED Gold certified project is not only stunning to visit, but emits very low energy," said Kim Robertson, Senior Marketing Manager, MKK Consulting Engineers, Inc. "MKK Consulting Engineers, Inc. creates system designs for the 'built environment' that are both economically and environmentally sustainable. We realize that sustainable design is not only good business: it's the right thing to do. We have worked on numerous LEED projects, helping our clients and the environment."

With 124 LEED certified projects in 2013 and over 8 million square feet of LEED space certified, Colorado ranks No. 8 in the United States in LEED-certified spaces. "The Rocky Mountain Green Conference is very beneficial in teaching people about the importance of localized renewable energy. The Rocky Mountain Region has always been a pioneer. We thrive on that entrepreneurial spirit. At the same time, we understand that lasting change is best made collaboratively. This year's conference will bring together renewable energy, green building, and localized leaders and stakeholders representing a full spectrum of energy project development to continue the conversation about how we responsibly develop the emerging energy industry. It's very effective in making people aware of renewable sources of energy and clear their misconception about the



same. The Rocky Mountain Green Conference is also an excellent opportunity to discuss the importance of LEED certification. Each one of Douglass Colony Group's sales staff are LEED accredited," remarked MaryJo Chenoy, Marketing Director, Douglass Colony Group Inc.

The Centennial State continues to be a leader in American made manufacturing, and many USGBC Colorado members who manufacture within the state will participate in the conference. "As a local green technology manufacturer and USGBC Colorado chapter member, Coolerado is thrilled to participate in and be a sponsor for this year's Rocky Mountain Green conference," stated Matthew Cocking, project manager for Coolerado and certified LEED AP BD+C. "The USGBC Colorado chapter does a tremendous job of bringing engineers, architects, contractors and equipment manufacturers together for this conference to support education and stewardship of sustainable building practices. This is a great opportunity for Coolerado to interact with local green building design professionals and to promote the value our equipment can add to projects considering LEED certification."

From net-zero energy homes to green roofs and storm water systems, Rocky Mountain Green will cover many aspects of sustainable construction. "Our company is a local representative for manufacturers that are trailblazers of various green products in the plumbing and mechanical industry. We believe that this conference offers a unique platform to spotlight these products to a collection of the best of the best in Colorado's construction industry. The designers and contractors that attend this conference have a shared interest in understanding, specifying and installing products that have a better impact on our environment," said Tim McKey, General Manager, Priest Zimmerman, Inc.

Rocky Mountain Green will also feature [RMG Happy Hour](#) networking event, open to attendees, even if they can't attend the entire conference. "At the Rocky Mountain Green conference, I always meet more of the most talented and creative people in the region," noted Ed Bush, Pavement Resource Manager, Colorado Asphalt Pavement Association. "Learning new ways to reduce our environmental impact is one of the keys to long-term success in today's business environment. Asphalt is already the most recycled product in the U.S., but we want to become even more sustainable as an industry and help others do the same by creating innovative, sustainable products such as warm-mix technology and porous asphalt pavement that respond to the community's needs."

"Kiewit is known for its quality. As a leader in the construction and commissioning industry, Kiewit actively supports opportunities like Rocky Mountain Green which works to make a positive impact in the environmental, social and financial environments. I'm particularly looking forward to the interaction with industry professionals and partners," said Darin Rose, Facilities Services Manager, Kiewit.



In conjunction with the [Rocky Mountain Green 2014 Conference](#), the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) Colorado Chapter will host a media availability with industry leaders from Colorado Energy Office, Denver Mayor's Office, NREL, Xcel Energy, Denver Water, M.A. Mortenson Company, The Weidt Group and USGBC Colorado Board of Directors to explore pressing green building issues from net zero energy to tactical urbanism and beyond on Thursday, April 17 at 8:00am MT (dial in option available). For more information on the conference or to register, visit www.rockymountaingreen.com. To request press credentials, please contact Shawna McGregor at The Rosen Group at 303-455-9292 or shawna@rosengrouppr.com.

About USGBC Colorado

The U.S. Green Building Council Colorado Chapter is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was established in the state of Colorado in 2003. USGBC Colorado was the 15th chapter to be recognized by U.S. Green Building Council and is part of a nationwide network of local chapters that all contribute to the mission of transforming the way buildings and communities are designed, built and operated, enabling an environmentally and socially responsible, healthy, and prosperous environment that improves the quality of life. Our goal is to achieve our mission through education, improving industry guidelines, policy, advocacy, and information and resourcing sharing. Visit us [online](#), and on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

###