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PUBLIC MEETINGS ON REGIONAL STANDARDS FOR GREEN BUILDING PROGRAMS AND CODES IN DENVER METRO

DENVER, CO – The Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEEP) will host two public meetings to present the results of their initiative to gain consensus on regional standards for green building programs and codes.

Meetings will be held in Denver on Monday, September 20, 2:00 p.m. at the Webb Building, Room 4.G.2, 2201 W. Colfax Ave., and in Westminster on Tuesday, September 21, 5:30 p.m. at the City Park Recreation Center, 10455 Sheridan Blvd.

Elected officials, state and local government staff, and industry and trade associations have been invited to the presentations, where there will be an opportunity to provide comments and feedback about the regional standards and future plans.

A patchwork of green building codes has developed across Colorado, similar to the historic patchwork of energy codes. This has raised concern about ineffective compliance and enforcement as builders and trades follow different green building criteria across Colorado's communities. Referencing a nationally developed green building code package with a variety of program offerings will result in environmental, economic and societal benefits for the region.

The Colorado Governor's Energy Office provided funding for SWEEP to coordinate the collaborative development of regional standards and best practices for green building programs and codes. The outcome of the project is a roadmap that provides a range of entry points for jurisdictions who want to implement an above-code or green building program, starting with adoption of the most current energy code, the IECC 2009 and leading to the adoption of national green building codes such as the International Green Construction Code.

For information about the initiative, contact J.C. Martel with the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project at jmartel@swenergy.org.

About SWEEP: The Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEEP) is a public interest organization dedicated to advancing energy efficiency in Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. To learn more, visit www.swenergy.org.