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Arapahoe County partners with ENERGY STAR

New program seeks to save money, while protecting the environment

Littleton, Colo. --- Arapahoe County is partnering with ENERGY STAR, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's voluntary program that offers businesses and consumers energy efficient solutions to help save money while protecting the environment for future generations. Arapahoe County joins a nationwide effort to eliminate energy waste through the voluntary implementation of improved energy management practices and technologies.

The Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners believes that the efforts it makes to improve energy conservation benefits both the natural environment and ultimately helps to strengthen its financial bottom line. In partnership with ENERGY STAR, Arapahoe County has agreed to measure, track, and benchmark its energy performance and to promote increased energy efficiency in its facilities. Arapahoe County will also educate its staff and encourage public awareness about the importance of its partnership with ENERGY STAR.

“With the Board’s support in reducing energy and resource consumption, Arapahoe County can reduce the operating cost for its facilities, allowing tax dollars to be spent more efficiently on programs benefiting the County and its citizens,” said Dustin Knutson, Energy Resource Conservation Manager, adding that efforts also are underway to start a recycling and waste stream reduction program in County facilities.

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About ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR is a voluntary partnership between business, government and others united to protect our environment for future generations by changing to energy-efficient practices today.

ENERGY STAR works with more than 7,000 partners to improve the energy efficiency of products, homes, buildings and businesses. Businesses can use ENERGY STAR to improve efficiency, enhance profits and create a competitive advantage. Last year alone, ENERGY STAR helped businesses and consumers save more than \$5 billion in energy costs while reducing global warming emissions equivalent to those from 10 million cars. For more information about ENERGY STAR, visit www.energystar.gov or call toll-free 1-888-STAR-YES (1-888-782-7937).