



# Rebuild Colorado News

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Welcome to the first issue of Rebuild Colorado News, a summary of recent happenings, upcoming events and free services from Rebuild Colorado. The Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation (OEMC) offers the Rebuild Colorado program to help building owners get better buildings through energy and water efficiency improvements.

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### Smart Moves for Higher Education

How does a university pay for needed improvements without tapping already tight budgets? During the Spring of 2002, both the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs and the University of Northern Colorado (Greeley) issued RFPs for energy performance contracts. Both will be using future savings to pay for projects throughout their campuses. And, both universities are using Rebuild Colorado's expertise to help ensure successful projects.

Like energy savings, water efficiency improvement projects can be incorporated in a performance contract, with future savings paying for improvements today. The University of Southern Colorado (Pueblo) is using water wisely today with a sprinkler control system it paid for through an energy performance contract. As Colorado faces the potential of a multi-year drought, now is the time to act to use water more efficiently.

[Read more about USC's energy performance contract... »](#)  
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### Rebuild Colorado Services



Rebuild Colorado now offers a wide variety of ways to help you get better buildings through energy efficiency.

We can help you get started by identifying efficiency opportunities, providing cost and savings estimates, and identifying financing options.

And we can help you get better buildings through innovative approaches such as energy performance contracting, sustainable design, commissioning and more. We offer additional services for school districts, including energy management assistance for small districts and help getting the first Energy Star label for a high-performance building.

Our services are offered free, on an as-needed, as available basis to the public sector. Information

Daylighting, lower utility bills, air conditioning, and construction material recycling are just a few of the features of two new schools being built in Fort Collins. Poudre School District used a sustainable design approach to optimize efficiency and comfort at a price that matched standard construction. Zach Elementary is nearing completion, and the new high school is just getting underway. Rebuild Colorado provided some funding for the project, and now Rebuild Colorado offers assistance for others to follow Poudre's lead. Find out more at the [Poudre School District](#) website.



Agate 300 School District in Elbert County was awarded a \$405,000 grant from the Colorado Department of Education to upgrade the lighting, install new windows and doors, install new insulation in the previously uninsulated roof, and replace aging propane tanks. Work will be completed this summer. Rebuild Colorado's engineering assistance provided the critical specifications and analysis to help win this sizable grant for this one-building school district.

Congratulations to Jefferson County Schools (Golden/Lakewood) for winning the prestigious 2002 Excellence in Energy Management Award from the US Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star Buildings Program.

The Colorado Association of School District Energy Managers (CASDEM) is developing a new website so members can share tips and lessons learned on energy management in Colorado's schools. CASDEM is a networking group of K-12 school energy managers and decision-makers, facility managers and maintenance directors, and others in Colorado's K-12 schools are welcome to participate. Rebuild Colorado provides support to this valuable organization.

[Link to the CASDEM website](#) »

#### [States and ESCOs Partner in ESC](#)

The Energy Services Coalition (ESC) is a national organization made up of representatives from state energy offices and energy service companies (ESCOs). This public-private partnership is dedicated to increasing awareness and use of energy performance contracting and breaking down barriers to its use. Colorado ESCOs and OEMC established a state chapter and invite energy professionals and vendors throughout the state to join this group.

Linda Smith, Sr. Program Manager of Rebuild Colorado, is Vice-President of ESC's national Board, recently served as Interim President, and is Co-Chair of the State Chapter along with Jim Knutson of CMS Viron Energy Services.

[Link to the ESC website...](#) »

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Rebuild Colorado introduced the US Department of Energy's Energy Smart Schools campaign of Rebuild America at a gathering of school energy managers. Rebuild America and Energy Smart Schools work in partnership with the Rebuild Colorado team to provide additional resources to schools.



[Rebuild America's Energy Smart Schools](#) >>

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