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CITY OF STEAMBOAT SPRINGS TO WORK WITH UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER

December 8, 2009, Denver, CO – Five Colorado municipalities were selected to work with the University of Colorado Denver’s sustainable infrastructure experts – Dillon, Golden, Eagle, Fowler, and the City of Steamboat Springs/Routt County.

UC Denver plans to expand a community outreach program to help Colorado’s smaller towns and cities conduct urban infrastructure reviews and greenhouse gas evaluations, followed by the development of customized action plans to reduce their carbon footprints. The Walmart Foundation contributed a \$30,000 gift to help offset the costs of conducting the reviews in Colorado communities with populations less than 35,000. CML is assisting by connecting these communities with UC Denver.

This outreach program offers carbon footprint measurement and sustainable energy benchmarks for individual communities, along with future scenario models and customized sustainable infrastructure action matrixes. The carbon footprint baseline helps measure and benchmark how much energy is consumed in various essential sectors such as buildings, industry, transportation, waste management, water treatment, food production and infrastructure materials. The benchmarks allow communities to track their progress in energy efficiency, conservation, and use of renewables, while the scenario models allow communities to envision their future with and without sustainable actions. The action matrixes give a variety of options for each community to consider, taking into account public participation, cost, long-term monetary savings, and long-term energy savings.

“UC Denver is pleased to partner across private industry, government and the non-profit arena to support Colorado’s small and rural communities as they work to create more sustainable infrastructures for their citizens,” said UC Denver’s Chancellor M. Roy Wilson.

Sam Mamet, CML’s executive director, shares, “This is a terrific opportunity for small communities in Colorado to go green. We are extremely appreciative of UC Denver and the Walmart Foundation’s desire to reach municipalities all across the state.”

For details on Steamboat Springs/Routt County’s project, contact Steven T. Hoots, Energy/Project Manager, City of Steamboat Springs at 970-871-8246.

The University of Colorado Denver offers more than 120 degrees and programs in 13 schools and colleges and serves more than 28,000 students. UC Denver is located on the Denver Campus and the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, CO. For more information, visit the UC Denver News Room at <http://ucdenver.edu/about/newsroom/Pages/Newsroom.aspx>.

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