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Lafayette Earns Solar Friendly Community Certification

LAFAYETTE, Colo October 14, 2013 – The City of Lafayette has been certified as a Gold Level Solar Friendly Community by an innovative partnership between local governments and the solar industry. The certification is bestowed upon communities who are leaders in adopting best practices in permitting, inspection, planning and public education to help residents go solar. The Solar Friendly Communities Program awards points toward certification based on the "12 Best Practices: A Roadmap to a Solar Friendly Community."

Lafayette becomes the ninth Colorado community to earn this designation, and only the third -- along with Denver and Fort Collins-- to earn gold level certification. Lafayette accumulated 1225 points out of a total of 1600.

"We're proud and honored to have the City of Lafayette's efforts recognized through the Solar Friendly Community certification," said Curt Cheesman Director of Recreation, Senior Services and Facility Management. "This assists us to get the word out that Lafayette supports, practices and encourages solar energy alternatives in our community."

"Lafayette has taken numerous important steps to make it faster, easier and more affordable for residents to go solar," said Rebecca Cantwell, senior program director of Solar Friendly Communities, an initiative led by the Colorado Solar Energy Industries Association and including local governments.

On October 15 the City of Lafayette will be formally honored during the regular City Council meeting. Mayor Cutler will be presented with a plaque and road sign identifying Lafayette as a Solar Friendly Community.

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About Solar Friendly Communities The Solar Friendly Communities initiative aims to encourage the expansion of solar energy by making it easier for citizens to install solar systems on their homes and businesses. The program is led by the Colorado Solar Energy Industries Association (COSEIA) and includes the cities of Denver, Fort Collins and Golden, Boulder County, the Rocky Mountain Institute and the American Solar Energy Society.