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Implementation begins on Lafayette's Community Energy Efficiency Plan

Lafayette, Colo June 6, 2014 – In 2013 Xcel Energy selected Lafayette and three other Colorado communities to participate in a new Demand Side Management (DSM) pilot program known as the Community Energy Efficiency Planning (CEEP) program. CEEP is intended to assist communities to become more energy efficient by connecting users to incentives, programs and rebates.

Through the program's provided tools and technical assistance, Lafayette's Energy Sustainability Advisory Committee ([LESAC](#)) and numerous committed businesses and community stakeholders led the effort to develop a [Community Energy Efficiency Plan](#) which will assist residents, businesses and other organizations to use energy more efficiently and achieve community goals. While Lafayette is already a leader in promoting energy sustainability, the purpose of the Community Energy Efficiency Plan is to accelerate Lafayette's progress toward greater energy sustainability with a focus on energy efficiency in its vibrant business sector.

The Plan addresses three specific strategies to support energy efficiency and conservation in Lafayette's commercial building sector 1)Building permit education initiative 2)Energy efficiency drive and contractor training and 3)Green Business Award Program expansion. Each strategy incorporates specific targets and implementation steps to mobilize action.

"It's rewarding to know Lafayette's dedication to sustainability is making a difference and that Xcel will be using us as a model for other municipalities," said Curt Cheesman, City liaison to LESAC. "These three strategies have the potential to conserve an estimated 6,280,100 kWh, 48,000 therms, and \$521,500 annually."

On May 29 over 120 contractors registered to attend a Commercial Contractor Energy Efficiency Training, the first activity hosted by Lafayette's CEEP Program. "The rebates and programs I learned about at the CEEP contractor event will definitely help me promote energy efficient mechanical systems to my Lafayette clients and save them money in addition to energy," said Jason Schneider, Project Manager with U.S. Engineering Company. "I appreciate the City for promoting sustainable construction and supporting local contractors."

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