

February 19th, 2024

Denver Regional Council of Governments
1001 17th Street, Suite 700
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RE: Letter of Support for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant (CPRG) - Decarbonize DRCOG Proposal

As Vice President of Grant Programs at ICAST (International Center for Appropriate and Sustainable Technology), I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG)'s Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) project proposal, "Decarbonize DRCOG." This initiative offers a transformative approach to regional building decarbonization, marking a significant step in our collective effort to combat climate change and promote sustainable development in the Denver Metro Area and beyond.

The "Decarbonize DRCOG" proposal targets the building sector—our region's primary contributor to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions—with a strategic plan aimed at reducing our carbon footprint and fostering sustainable community development. Emphasizing a regional strategy, the proposal addresses building retrofits, supply chain optimization, workforce development, and market transformation, demonstrating exemplary comprehensive planning and collaboration. Importantly, it focuses on equitable building electrification and adheres to Justice40 principles, ensuring that low-income and disadvantaged communities' benefit, thus advancing our regional goals for climate justice and GHG reduction.

ICAST is ready to offer its expertise and is in support of this ambitious initiative. We believe that the project has the potential to provide transformative change and establish a new standard for sustainable urban development.

Should you have any questions or require further details about our support for this application, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan Kristoff", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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