



CREATING GOOD JOBS, A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT, AND A FAIR AND THRIVING ECONOMY

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To: Denver Regional Council of Governments
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Re: Letter of Intent to Collaborate for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant –
Decarbonize DRCOG

To whom it may concern,

The BlueGreen Alliance (BGA) is an organization working at both the state and federal level, focused on bringing together labor unions and environmental policy organizations to address today's environmental challenges in ways that create high-quality jobs for workers. In my position as Colorado Policy Organizer, I organize a coalition of the state's prominent environmental advocacy groups and labor unions. We are excited to express our intent to collaborate with Denver Regional Council of Governments' (DRCOG) on the implementation of their project proposal for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). If DRCOG is successful in its application, we plan to engage with DRCOG staff, specifically to provide guidance and assistance on the following:

1. BGA will meet and collaborate with DRCOG staff and staff from Denver's Office of Climate Action, Sustainability and Resiliency (CASR) on the development of proposed programming, especially to inform the development of workforce development strategies that will create pathways to quality jobs.
2. We will assist DRCOG in developing programs and policies that incentivize the use of strong labor standards on beneficial electrification projects, including the enforcement of labor standards on said projects.
3. We will bring forward the Colorado BGA coalition's labor and environmental partners and our wide array of expertise and resources as needed by DRCOG, including as members of a DRCOG Executive Advisory Board.

We look forward to collaborating with the DRCOG and ensuring that their "Decarbonize DRCOG" initiatives will deliver emissions reductions and quality jobs to the Denver area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elena M. Santarella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Elena Santarella, Colorado Policy Organizer