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Dear EECBG Selection Committee,

Eagle County Government submits this application to the Department of Energy to scale and implement energy efficiency, electrification and workforce development initiatives across the rural, mountain region of Colorado.

The proposal aims to strengthen the Energy Smart Colorado partner network across 18 rural Counties, expand weatherization and electrification services for low- to moderate-income (LMI) households, and develop well-paying clean energy jobs throughout the western slope of Colorado.

These initiatives support our Climate Action Plan goal to reduce community emissions 50% by 2030 (baseline 2014), of which buildings account for nearly 50%. Eagle County is working to center our funding, advocacy, and programs toward providing the benefits of energy efficiency and building electrification for residents who need it most. Over 4,000 LMI households and over 1,000 deed-restricted properties exist in Eagle County. Our application for this EECBG award will support and expand the number of energy improvements in these homes.

Eagle County Government partners with local organizations to meet our climate action goals, including Energy Smart Colorado, Walking Mountains Science Center, the Community Office for Resource Efficiency, and the Energy Program at Northwest Colorado Council of Governments. In 2023, Eagle County is providing \$612,000 for delivery of Energy Smart Colorado services to county residents.

Through support for Energy Smart Colorado, its partners, and the initiatives outlined in this proposal, we demonstrate leadership to our residents and visitors, support local and state carbon-reduction goals, leverage federal and state tax credits and rebates, provide needed training to the local contractor workforce, improve community health, safety and resilience, and help local working families better-afford energy bills.

We are grateful for your consideration of this application that will benefit communities throughout Colorado.

Sincerely,

Jeff Shroll

County Manager