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Keeping Colorado on Path of Achieving 100% Renewable Energy by 2040: Polis Administration on behalf of the Western Inter-States Hydrogen Hub, Announces a Request for Proposals for Prime Contractor

DENVER - Under the leadership of Governor Polis, Colorado is well on its way of achieving 100% renewable energy by 2040. This past winter, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming signed a <u>Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)</u> to coordinate and develop a regional clean hydrogen hub - Western Inter-States Hydrogen Hub. Today, on behalf of Western Inter-States Hydrogen Hub, the Wyoming Energy Authority is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a prime contractor. This position will assist efforts across the four-state region to submit a proposal to the Department of Energy (DOE) for the funding opportunity announcement "Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs." If awarded, the prime contractor will neutrally and fairly manage the implementation of the regional hydrogen hub project to drive maximum impact.

"Our administration is well on our way toward achieving 100% renewable energy by 2040 so we are proud to be leading this group of western states to advance hydrogen power. This is an exciting opportunity for collaboration among our states and can help grow our economy and reliable low cost energy while we leverage our resources," said Colorado Governor Jared Polis.

This group of western states is working to compete for a portion of the \$8 billion allocated in the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act towards four or more regional hydrogen hubs. Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming are uniquely qualified and situated to serve as hydrogen hubs. These states have thriving hydrogen economies given the presence of high-quality wind, solar, biomass, and other energy resources, a sophisticated oil and natural gas industry, a robust energy-transportation infrastructure; and an established carbon management infrastructure with both favorable underlying geologies and regulatory structures.

Here is the complete <u>Request for Proposals</u> and <u>more information</u> about Western Inter-States Hydrogen Hub.

About the Colorado Energy Office

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