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MAYOR JOHN HICKENLOOPER ADDRESSES STATE RECYCLERS AT THE COLOADO ASSOCIATION FOR RECYCLING'S ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

(DENVER) Mayor John Hickenlooper addressed more than 60 recycling professionals from across the state at the Colorado Association for Recycling's Annual Members Meeting today at ALL Recycling in Englewood. Mayor Hickenlooper spoke about his Greenprint Denver Plan, an action agenda for sustainable development for the City and County of Denver that he introduced at his 2006 State of the City address, specifically emphasizing the plan's waste diversion and recycling goals. He discussed how leadership and innovation at the local government level can influence and impact our environment and guide the marketplace, as illustrated by the City's recent investments in its improved recycling program. Mayor Hickenlooper also said he hopes that the City of Denver and other Colorado communities investment in improvements to recycling programs will lay the ground work for and inspire all Colorado communities to recycle.

Following the mayor's speech, Marjorie Griek, Executive Director of the Colorado Association for Recycling (CAFR), presented the state of CAFR, its accomplishments in 2006 and plans for 2007. The Colorado Association for Recycling (CAFR) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit association, a coalition of private businesses, local governments, non-profit organizations, universities and individuals interested in recycling. CAFR is committed to advancing economic, political and social conditions that minimize waste and maximize resource reuse. We believe wise resource use is vital to the health of people, the environment and the economy.

The recycling professionals in attendance then had the opportunity to participate in the "Around-the-state Recycling Updates." Updates were heard from Larimer County, the City of Fort Collins, the City of Aspen, Valley Recycling, Boulder County, A1 Organics, Executive Recycling and many more.

Attendees were treated to a tour of the All Recycling Facility prior to Mayor Hickenlooper's remarks, where they had the opportunity to view first hand the operations of one of the largest metal recyclers in Colorado.

The 2007 CAFR Annual Members Meeting was sponsored by All Recycling, Dex, Larimer County, Ecocycle, the City of Loveland, and Mid-America Recycling.

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