



Request for Information

Background

Colorado is two degrees warmer than it was 30 years ago. Residents and businesses throughout the state are already beginning to feel the heat: climate impacts like reduced snowpack, earlier snowmelt runoff and more frequent droughts threaten communities and livelihoods. Across the state, cities and counties are developing innovative ways to address climate change while building community resilience and stimulating local economies.



Founded by Mayor Steve Skadron (City of Aspen), the Compact of Colorado Communities (“Compact”) has been established to bring cities and counties together to stand together in taking constructive and practical climate action. The Compact ensures that city and county efforts to address climate change, enhance resilience to extreme events and grow a clean energy economy throughout Colorado are greater than the sum of their individual efforts.

ACCO is responsible for administering the Compact through staffing working groups, accounting for logistics, fundraising, identifying third-party services and training activities. As such, ACCO plans to establish a series of partnerships to broaden participation in the Compact and to ensure that Compact members receive expert support in key areas.

This Request for Information (“RFI”) is aimed at identifying organizations either based in, or focused heavily upon, Colorado that can provide support and/or capabilities aligned with the needs and interests of the Compact’s signatories.

Key Subject Matter Areas

Key areas of focus that are being addressed by ACCO and the Compact include:

- Aligning climate action with economic development;
- Advancing statewide preparedness and resilience through local government planning and coordination;
- Scaling up clean energy development and consumption;
- Engaging the public to build better understanding and support;
- Developing greenhouse gas reduction goals and implementation strategies; and
- Providing support to member communities in taking action locally.

General Requirements for this RFI

All organizations interested in submitting a response to this RFI must meet the following qualifications:

- A non-profit organization whose mission aligns with the stated mission and vision is not deemed to be in conflict with the mission and vision statements of the Compact and ACCO;
- A professional services firm with technical expertise in at least one of the areas identified above that is willing to provide pro bono services in that same qualifying area (minimum of 50 hours per year); or
- A higher-education institution able to provide research support or technical expertise in at least one of the key areas identified above (minimum of 50 hours per year).

Submission of the RFI

- **Deadline Extended:** All responses must be submitted electronically by 11:59pm eastern on April 28, 2017
- **Submission:** Online submission form at <https://accoonline.org/colorado-rfi>
- **RFI Contents:** All responses should include answers to the following questions and identification of key points of contact. The responses should be limited by the stated word count parameters.

Learn more about the Compact of Colorado Communities at Colorado.ACCOonline.org



Additional Guidelines

Proposed capabilities and services must include at least one meaningful contribution at no cost to the Compact. In addition to this contribution, you may also include related capabilities and services that will require funding support for delivery or implementation.

- **For non-profit organizations & higher-education institutions:** Areas of contributions may include usage of facilities for events, staffing support, research and synthesis, training and access to electronic tools/resources.
- **For professional service firms:** Areas of contributions may include technical support provided to Compact committees and working groups, related research and synthesis, and training. Contributions should be measured by volume of hours per year.



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- 1. Which of the following capabilities or services is your organization able to provide?**
 - Facilities for events/workshops (including food, beverage and audio/video?)
 - General staffing support
 - Research and synthesis
 - Training and online educational resources
 - Access to electronic tools/resources (e.g. GHG inventory, climate modeling, energy management)
 - Workshop design, facilitation and scenario planning exercises
 - Technical expertise supporting a key subject matter area identified above
 - Strategic communications
- 2. Describe contributions or pro bono services your organization is willing to provide to the Compact** (*up to 150 words per area, no more than 750 words total*).
- 3. For non-profit organizations & higher-education institutions, please describe any services or capabilities you may be able to provide that require funding support** (*up to 150 words per area, no more than 750 words total*).
- 4. Detail your organization's experience providing similar capabilities or services to other organizations or government agencies** (*up to 150 words per area, no more than 750 words total*).
- 5. Submit an organizational description or boilerplate** (*up to 200 words*).
- 6. List any individuals that are instrumental to the capabilities or services being referenced.**
- 7. Include background information for any individuals that are instrumental to the capabilities or services being referenced** (*up to 150 words per person and 600 words total*).

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Please direct all questions to Daniel Kreeger at dkreeger@ACCOonline.org.