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## **Housing Resources Plans Solar Power for LEED Certified Building**

**Estimates indicate the new solar panels will reduce traditional energy consumption by 85% for office building**

**GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (January 31, 2013)** – Housing Resources of Western Colorado (HRWC) continues their pursuit of sustainable energy with today's announcement of a planned solar panel installation for their LEED-certified office building. HRWC received two grants totaling \$70,000 that will enable them to install a 29 kW solar electric system on their office building, reducing their traditional energy consumption by an estimated 85%.

"This project will enhance our LEED designation and improve energy performance of the building," explained Eldon Krugman, Deputy Director of HRWC. "In addition, this project furthers HRWC's mission of promoting the wise and sustainable use of resources."

Plaza del Sol, Housing Resources' office building, achieved LEED-Existing Building certification in 2010. The building remains one of only four buildings on the Western Slope with that rating according to the U.S. Green Building Council, administrator of the LEED rating system.

Krugman estimates that the 121 panel system will produce approximately 85% of the current load.

Grants from NeighborWorks America and the Denver Foundation added to incentives from Xcel Energy reduced HRWC's out-of-pocket cost for the solar array from \$145,000 to \$76,000. Atlasta Solar is the contractor on the project.

### **About Housing Resources**

Housing Resources has been in business in Mesa County for over 30 years. The mission of Housing Resources, a 501(c)(3) private non-profit corporation, is to provide affordable housing and to promote the wise and sustainable use of resources. Housing Resources offers pre-purchase and post-purchase educational services, weatherization services, opportunities for community revitalization, and the provision of quality, safe, affordable housing for those with low and moderate income. Housing Resources is a chartered member of NeighborWorks America. Learn more about Housing Resources at [www.housingresourceswc.org](http://www.housingresourceswc.org) or by calling their offices at 970- 241-2871.