

# Seeking Applications for the Colorado Circular Communities (C3) Enterprise Board of Directors

## BACKGROUND

### What services does the board provide?

- Strategic design and implementation of projects that build the state's circularity infrastructure
- Support for public-private partnerships across multiple jurisdictions
- Commission studies that inform local governments, businesses, and community members
- No-cost technical assistance and support for local circularity projects or initiatives
- Support circularity projects ranging from product design, reuse, collection, processing, and end markets
- Support circularity projects for a variety of materials such as municipal solid waste, construction and demolition materials, and organics

### When delivering its services, the board of directors works with:

- Local governments
- Nonprofit and for-profit businesses
- State institutions of higher education, and public or private schools
- Entities locating in Colorado as recommended by the Circular Economy Development Center

### How do these services benefit fee payers (landfill operators, waste producers, persons paying pass-through fees, and other persons disposing of waste)?

Along with preventing waste, preserving national resources, reducing energy use, and reducing methane emissions from organic material, the enterprise's services:

- Support the expansion or diversification of Colorado businesses and local economies by: increasing the supply of and demand for material, services such as collection, transporting, and processing, and end-products. This lowers end-of-life disposal costs, extends the use of products through reuse, and extends the useful life of landfills.
- Increase local government and community participation by assisting in the development of zero waste goals and the implementation of zero waste strategies, providing expertise to support local planning, delivering best practices education, informing local decision-making, and identifying barriers and opportunities to increase participation in a circular economy.

### What is HB 24-1449?

[HB 24-1449](#) updates the Colorado Sustainability Act. Section 25-16.5-109, C.R.S., which begins on page 11 of the bill, describes the composition of the board and delineates the duties of the enterprise.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECRUITMENT

### What is the workload?

The anticipated workload each month is ~10-15 hours. This is a working board; members are expected to review material in advance and attend the vast majority of board meetings. Some meetings are in-person (typically in Denver) and others are virtual via zoom. Members are required to manage conflicts of interest, comply with open meeting and open record requirements, and follow statutory requirements. Members can receive a \$50 per diem for board meetings along with reimbursement for actual and reasonable travel expenses.

## Who should apply?

Individuals with expertise in:

- Circular economy
- Producer responsibility
- Environmental health and safety
- Circular economy or renewable energy business development or investment
- Economic development
- Public finance
- Statewide or community-wide waste diversion and aversion (which includes sustainable design, production, distribution, consumption, recoverability, reuse, waste prevention, repair, collection, and recycling of a variety of materials, including construction and demolition materials single-stream materials, technology and electronic materials, food recovery; and the composting of raw and reused materials, including organic materials) planning and implementation

Representatives from:

- For-Profit Businesses
- Nonprofit Businesses
- Local Governments
- Entities that work to reduce burdens experienced by disproportionately impacted communities
- Other individuals or entities

At least three of the above need to represent waste haulers or landfill operators.

Representatives from:

- Counties in the Front Range
- Counties outside the Front Range

The Front Range includes the counties of Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Douglas, Elbert, El Paso, Jefferson, Larimer, Pueblo, Teller, and Weld as well as the Cities and Counties of Broomfield and Denver.

Diversity:

We value all forms of diversity including race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender diversity, generational diversity, inclusion of persons with disabilities, rural and urban representation, a range of subject matter expertise, and representation of government, community-based organizations, businesses, and individuals. Diversity allows for robust processes and informed decision-making.

## Who do I contact if I want to learn more or apply?

Please contact Deborah Nelson, [deborah.nelson@state.co.us](mailto:deborah.nelson@state.co.us).

## I don't want to apply but I am interested; are there other ways to be involved?

Yes! If you are interested in helping the board design or review a future grant or funding opportunity, or you are interested in receiving future information from the C3 Enterprise, please contact Deborah Nelson, [deborah.nelson@state.co.us](mailto:deborah.nelson@state.co.us).

Thank you for your interest in the Colorado Circular Communities Enterprise Board of Directors!