



Dear Potential Sponsor:

Thank you for your interest in the 2005 University of Colorado (CU) National Solar Decathlon Project. Sponsored by the Department of Energy, and coordinated by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), this intercollegiate competition unites 18 universities from around the world to compete on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Each team must design and build an 800 square foot, self-sufficient, solar-powered home that will be transported to Washington D.C. in September of 2005. The purpose of the Solar Decathlon contest is to raise public awareness of solar power and energy-efficient technologies.

CU is proud to have won the first National Solar Decathlon competition in 2002. Now in 2005, our team is working hard to defend our highly respected title.

With 507 media stories, over 100,000 visitors on the National Mall and over 3 million hits to the competition website, the victory brought international recognition to the University of Colorado and its partners as leaders in sustainable building design.



A model of CU's 2005 entry now under construction.

The 2005 CU Team seeks to synergize engineering and architecture with a fresh approach to solar home design that accommodates constantly changing American lifestyles and energy needs. These new approaches include using bio-based materials, enabling mobility/modularity, price accessibility, providing technological innovation and energy efficiency. The end result will be a revolutionary design which the CU Team will unveil in a public presentation on the Boulder campus in September 2005.

In this package you will find:

- A synopsis of the tax-deductible Donation Procedure and Sponsorship Tier Recognition.
- A grant proposal describing the project and budget in detail.
- Major press mentions of CU's team and links to articles.
- A summary of media success for the 2002 national event.



CU's 2002 winning team.

We hope that you will help us build another award-winning house by becoming a sponsor of the 2005 CU Team. Each donation is tax-deductible and our contributing partners will be recognized by the CU Team according to level of sponsorship. Please see the Sponsorship Tier Recognition table following this letter.

If you are donating as a corporation, the biggest benefit will be realized during and after the competition itself. At the 2002 competition, over 150,000 consumers toured and

visited CU's solar home. This year's Solar Decathlon competition promises to draw an even larger public turnout to the National Mall based on the publicity generated from the first event. (See "2002 Media Success" section and press mentions included in this package.) Then, after the competition the house will be installed on the CU campus where it will be open to the public for approximately one year.

In response to the large number of product inquiries from the 2002 visitors, we will be providing flyers during the competition that detail all technologies incorporated in our home. These flyers recognize sponsors with donations greater than \$1,000, and will provide consumers with each sponsor's contact information and instructions on where they can obtain such products. Our largest sponsors (donations valued above \$10,000) will have the opportunity to feature an individual placard in the house that recognizes the company and its contribution.



Bio-based building products made from natural materials.

Thank you again for your generosity and vision.

Sincerely,

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2005 CU Solar Decathlon General Team Email: CUSolarD@colorado.edu

Sponsorship Tier Recognition

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Logo and Photo Use

Sponsors who donate \$1,000 or more will have the right to use the CU Solar Decathlon 2005 logo and hi-resolution photos of the team in their marketing material and signage.



Donation Procedure & Student Contacts

To speak about tax-deductible, monetary gifts and in-kind donations of products and services, please call or email Jeff Lyng at (303) 492-2536 or lyng@colorado.edu, or Jon Previtali at (303) 443-1742 or jon.previtali@colorado.edu.

To make a cash donation directly, please send a check payable to the *University of Colorado Foundation* to the address below.

2005 CU Solar Decathlon Team
 c/o Julee Herdt
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Upon receiving your donation, you will be registered as a sponsor and assigned a specific Solar Decathlon team member who will be your ongoing contact as part of our "Adopt a Sponsor Program". Your contact will call you to get details that will be used in your sponsorship recognition and send you a letter of thanks. You will also receive a receipt that may be used for tax purposes.



Grant Proposal: The 2005 University of Colorado Solar Decathlon Project

I. Abstract

Over the next several months, a team of students and faculty will complete the design and construction of a small solar-powered home for competition in the 2005 Solar Decathlon. The mission of this team is to integrate natural materials and innovative technologies in an environmentally responsible, publicly accessible, modular, solar home design. We are also firmly committed to coordinating an extensive education and outreach program with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory targeted at the general public. This proposal requests sponsorship from individuals, foundations and corporations in the form of in-kind donations and tax-deductible monetary aid to strengthen the effectiveness of the Solar Decathlon home as a learning tool for students and the focus of a public awareness program for solar power and energy efficient technologies. The funds will be discussed with sponsors and used in different manners depending on the grant maker and specific needs of the project.

II. Project Description

Background

The Solar Decathlon is an intercollegiate competition to design, build and operate a home powered completely by solar energy. Building on the successful inaugural event in 2002, the U.S. Department of Energy, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, and the American Institute of Architects have organized a second competition to challenge the next generation of architects and engineers. In September 2005, eighteen university teams from around the world will transport their homes in Washington, D.C., where they will construct a “solar village” on the National Mall in a powerful public demonstration of solar energy, energy efficiency, and the best in home design.



CU's Solar Decathlon House won 1st Place in the last competition.

The University of Colorado Team won the first National Solar Decathlon competition in 2002. With 507 media stories, over 100,000 visitors on the National Mall, and over 3 million hits to the competition website, the victory brought international recognition to the University of Colorado (CU) and its partners as leaders in sustainable building design.

The CU College of Engineering and Applied Science and the College of Architecture & Planning have once again joined forces to defend their title in the 2005 Solar Decathlon Competition.

The design of the CU Solar Decathlon home is driven by the team's five design goals: natural materials, modularity, accessibility, innovation, and energy efficiency. The innovative design features in the 800 sf home include:

- A revolutionary Bio-Sip wall system composed of soy-based polyurethane insulation and fully recycled post-consumer waste paper board. "Sip" is short for Structural Insulated Panel, a pre-made walling system commonly composed of plywood and Styrofoam.
- Single-chassis design, reinventing the "mobile home" for the 21st century.
- 6.4 kW photovoltaic (PV) array comprised on SunPower SPR-200 panels (among the most efficient in the industry).
- Building integrated photovoltaic (BIPV) array to serve as shading devices.
- Evacuated-tube solar thermal collectors that supply over 80% of space heating and hot water needs.
- Highly insulated building envelope with high-performance heat-mirror windows.
- Energy recovery ventilator (ERV) to provide efficient ventilation for the occupants.
- High-efficiency, ductless air conditioning units.
- Radiant in-floor heating system with innovative controls for energy efficiency and improved comfort.



A model of CU's 2005 entry.

After the construction, the home will be installed on the CU campus where it will remain throughout 2006. Following a year on the CU Campus, the home will then be relocated to the Solar Village in Prospect New Town, a new-urbanist development in Longmont, CO, where it will be occupied permanently.

Additional information about the national competition and the CU Team are available on the web solar.colorado.edu.

Student Involvement and Project Status

As an intercollegiate student competition, the Solar Decathlon demands student involvement. During the initial design phase, most of the student and faculty participation has been drawn from the College of Architecture & Planning and College of Engineering and Applied Science. Currently, the core team is comprised of approximately 25 students and three faculty advisors. Many hands-on opportunities to design the house and building systems, determine budget and specify equipment have been realized in the last year by students. This summer students will move into the construction phase and build the home with the help of professional contractors.



Bio-Sip walls built by students.

Rarely do college students have such an opportunity to experience the level of real-world work experience that is needed to build the Solar Decathlon house. Indeed the Solar Decathlon is an answer to the familiar problem of “You can’t get a job without experience, but you can’t get experience without a job.” From developing 3-D structural models to installing solar panels on the roof, students are practicing skills outside the classroom that they will soon apply in the professional world.

Education, Outreach and Public Relations

CU’s Solar Decathlon home will be displayed on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. from October 6 to October 30, 2005. During that time over 150,000 people are expected to walk through the house (based on last year’s attendance).

Another significant aspect of the outreach effort will be a public relations campaign sponsored by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) and carried out by Dittis Communications of Washington, D.C. NREL’s overall goal of the Solar Decathlon competition is to raise awareness and use of solar energy and energy-efficiency technologies. To do this, they have contracted Dittis Communications, a national public relations firm, to work with each college team to convey their key messages to national and local media. More on Dittis is available at www.dittis.com.

Following the competition, the home will be transported back to the CU campus where it will be open to students and the public throughout 2006. The University of Colorado Engineering Excellence Fund has provided \$25,000 in funds for documentation of the home design and construction process, real-time monitoring, signage and tours of the house.

A large portion of this funding will be used to make the Solar Decathlon home part of the Engineering College’s open-house tour, provide tours and technology orientation programs for students, the public, and alumni.

Perhaps the most significant long-term benefit of this project for CU and other schools participating in the competition is the enhancement or establishments of solar energy and energy-efficiency curricula, as well as the recruitment of future generations of students interested in these fields.

III. Sponsorship Tier Recognition

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IV. Estimated Project Budget

Existing in-kind donations have been subtracted.

2005 CU Solar Decathlon Project Budget

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| Student Construction Work | \$60,000 |
| Home Transportation & Biodiesel | \$35,450 |
| Construction Material Shipping | \$5,000 |
| Team Travel and Lodging | \$15,375 |
| Fundraising Materials & Postage | \$2,450 |
| Equipment Rental | \$1,300 |
| Education & Outreach | \$25,000 |
| Solar Panel System | \$47,000 |
| Solar Hot Water/Radiant Floor | \$14,800 |
| High Efficiency HVAC System | \$14,000 |
| High Efficiency Lighting System | \$9,000 |
| High Efficiency Appliances | \$4,000 |
| Foundation (chassis donated) | \$0 |
| Framing/Bio-SIPs | \$27,000 |
| Windows | \$18,000 |
| Plumbing | \$6,000 |
| Electrical System | \$9,000 |
| Exterior Finishes | \$20,000 |
| Interior Finishes | \$15,000 |
| Roofing | \$15,000 |
| Furniture | \$7,200 |
| Xeriscape Landscaping | \$1,500 |
| Contractor Fee | \$40,000 |
| Decking | \$7,000 |
| Faculty Salaries | \$22,000 |
| Total | \$421,075 |

V. Team Qualifications

CU's 2005 Solar Decathlon Team is comprised of approximately 25 graduate and undergraduate students working under the direction of three faculty advisors and three student team leaders. Prof. Michael Brandemuehl was the lead faculty advisor of the 2002 CU team. Prof. Julee Herdt, lead faculty advisor of the 2005 project, was also the architecture faculty advisor in 2002. Prof. Rick Sommerfeld is a senior instructor at the University of Colorado's College of Architecture and Planning. Jeff Lyng and Kendra Tupper are graduate students in the CEAE Building Systems Program, and Mark Cruz is a senior in the College of Architecture and Planning. Additional member photos, bios, and qualifications are available at solar.colorado.edu.

VI. Financial and in-kind Support

To date, the 2005 CU Solar Decathlon Team has raised a good portion of the budget required in donations and through a loan based on the sale of the house, but the team must gain more financial or in-kind support for the project to be realized. All donations are tax-deductible. Sponsors thus far include:

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| Advanced Hydronics | Home Builders Association of Metro |
| American Institute of Architects | Denver |
| BIOTA Water | M.A. Mortenson Company |
| National Renewable Energy Laboratory | Masons |
| Creative Laundry | National Home Builders Association |
| CU College of Architecture and Planning | OutBack Power Systems |
| CU Engineering Excellence Fund | RMH Engineering Group |
| CU Student Body | SQUARE ONE research |
| Dankoff Solar | Summit Crest/Genesis Homes of Colorado |
| Envirolet Composting Toilets | The Home Depot |
| Flat Plate, Inc. | U.S. Department of Energy |
| Global Electric Motors | Warmboard |
| Heatshield | Wild Oats Market |

Additionally, several other fundraising activities are currently underway.

- Proposal is being developed for the Colorado Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation and the Xcel Energy Corporations.
- The team is actively working with the University of Colorado Foundation to solicit gifts from alumni, corporations, and other friends of the University.
- There are ongoing efforts to secure donations of products and services from the building industry.
- Team members are soliciting funding from the College of Architecture and Planning Student Union for travel to D.C. and summer-time paid student labor.
- The team is preparing proposal for campus-level support of the project from the CU Vice Chancellor's office.

VII. More Information

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Major CU Press Mentions (partial list)

2005 CU Press Mentions

Daily Camera (Boulder, CO), March 23, 2005

["Solar Decathlon Takes eco-friendly building to the extreme"](#)

Colorado Daily, March 23, 2005

"Going for Engineering Gold, CU's Solar Decathlon team ready for repeat win"

Daily Times-Call (Longmont, CO), March 23, 2005

"PURE ENERGY, Petroleum out, buckwheat in as CU students build solar house for national battle"

AIArchitect, February 2005

["Here Comes the Sun: Decathlon Heats Up Solar Awareness"](#)

2002 National Publications

Metropolis, January 2003

"Sun City, Architecture students build a solar village on the National Mall"

New York Times, 28 Aug 2002

"DOE's Decathlon Showcases Student-designed Solar Houses"

Architectural Record, October 23, 2002

["University of Colorado wins Solar Decathlon"](#)

Solar Today, January 2003

["Feature Article: Bringing Solar Into the Mainstream"](#)

Architecture Week, October 16, 2002

["Solar Houses Shine"](#)

AIArchitect, October 2002

["University of Colorado at Boulder Wins First Place in Solar Decathlon"](#)

Appliance Magazine, October 5, 2002

["Solar Household Competition Won By University of Colorado"](#)

The Nation, October 3, 2002

["Failsafe Point: The Solar Decathlon"](#)

Professional Builder, November 2002

"College Students Design, Build Solar Homes"

green@work magazine, Nov/Dec 2002

["Sunshine on the Mall, The Solar Decathlon brings a village-and a message-to Washington, DC."](#)

The Washington Post, September 27, 2002

"Here Comes the Sun, 14 Teams Compete In the First Solar Decathlon"

2002 Television

DIY Network, throughout 2002-2003

["Special Presentations"](#)

2002 Other Publications

UPI, October 1, 2002

["Contest Highlights Solar-Powered Homes"](#)

Oikos Green Building Source (web site), October 22, 2002

["University of Colorado at Boulder Wins Solar Decathlon"](#)

2002 Local Newspapers

Daily Camera (Boulder, CO), October 6, 2002

"CU wins contest for solar house design"

Denver Post, October 6, 2002

"Cool CU team, entry win solar-power event"

Daily Times-Call (Denver, CO), October 6, 2002

"No place like a green home, CU wins solar-powered house-design competition"

2002 Media Success

Solar Decathlon 2002: The Event in Review

U.S. Department of Energy
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

The Media Coverage

The Solar Decathlon attracted not only an enthusiastic public crowd, but it also captured the imagination of the media, with news media coverage being distinguished as much by its quality as its quantity.

The event was covered by many of the nation's most distinguished, credible, and well known media organizations—chronicled in publications and programs that reach wide audiences and rank highest in terms of impact among the nation's opinion and policy leaders. Significantly, a number of writers suggested that the Solar Decathlon heralded the arrival of solar power into the mainstream. A headline above one story that appeared in 240,000-circulation *Charlotte (NC) Observer* succinctly asked: "Dawning of the Solar Age?"

Early Efforts Paid Off . . .

The organizers' efforts to stimulate early news coverage successfully planted seeds that bloomed into continuing media attention throughout. In addition to media work, the organizers and sponsors helped to build crowds through bus signs, fliers in hotels, and notices in visitor publications.

Parade Magazine, distributed in 344 Sunday newspapers nationwide, and with a circulation of more than 37 million, spawned early interest by previewing the contest with a story and photo in August 2002.

Similarly, a story by the science editor of the quarter million circulation *Pittsburgh Press Gazette* earlier in August was cited by the

Carnegie Mellon team as helping to win needed support.

. . . and Brought the Solar Power Story to a Wider Audience

The Solar Decathlon successfully captured the imaginations of the media and the public alike. The event managed to put a national spotlight on alternative and environmentally beneficial technologies and concepts in a way rarely—if ever—seen before.

In general, members of the media understood and communicated the messages that the organizers sought to convey through contest design and through the communication materials developed to support the event.

Most stories underscored the environmentally friendly nature of the homes and the competition. And in many portrayals, reporters specifically noted that the event showcased the many actions we can already take to save energy or to employ alternative energy resources. Many publications and broadcast outlets used the phrase "solar village" to describe the assemblage of homes on the National Mall.

National Caliber Coverage

In all, 507 stories about the Solar Decathlon appeared in newspapers and magazines, as well as on Internet news sites around the nation.

A *New York Times* Home Section story, with a photograph, brought significant attention to the event. The *Washington Times* printed an article with multiple photos that focused

on D.C.-area teams—a well illustrated story that dominated the front page of the paper’s weekday local news section. The *Washington Post* Weekend Section cover story on the Solar Decathlon also stimulated considerable interest among potential attendees from Washington and beyond.

In several instances, a Solar Decathlon story in a prominent publication gained even wider exposure when it was picked up by a national wire service; for example, versions of another story in the *Washington Post*, by the paper’s Architecture Writer Ben Forgey, ran in such publications as the (million-plus circulation) *Los Angeles Times*, the *Juneau (Alaska) Empire*, and the *Modesto (California) Bee*.

An Associated Press story that spotlighted the Auburn University team and home received extensive play in papers across the South and around the nation.

The Solar Decathlon also spawned additional independent coverage of trends in solar energy, energy conservation, and related subjects.

Many stories dealt directly with energy issues; others used the event as a jumping-off point to discuss what homebuilders and homeowners can do to make houses more efficient and self-sustaining.

Television and Radio

Video Monitoring Service (VMS) reported 45 television and radio stories about the Decathlon in major markets. The actual number of broadcast stories about the Solar Decathlon is higher because VMS reviews only select stations in most markets.

Broadcast coverage included a story on the nation’s top-ranked network morning news show, NBC’s Today Show. The story ran an impressive 4 minutes and 28 seconds, with taped segments and a live shot of the solar village. *The Do-It-Yourself Network filmed a documentary about the competition.* In

addition, the organizers and sponsors worked with broadcast news departments for the Associated Press and National Public Radio (NPR), which aired a lengthy piece recorded at the event by Scott Simon on NPR’s Weekend Edition show.

The competition clearly captured the imaginations of the producers of cable’s Do-It-Yourself (DIY) network, which promotes two full-length shows, numerous projects, and several episodes relating to the event on its Web page in this way:

Get caught up in youthful enthusiasm as you check out the innovations unveiled at the first-ever Solar Decathlon. The decathlon, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, challenged 14 teams of college students to design, build, and operate solar-powered homes that can accommodate a contemporary lifestyle—using only the power of the sun! Solar Solutions shows viewers how to adapt technologies and products used in the first Solar Decathlon to ultimately cut their energy bills. This five-part workshop features the latest in practical solar devices and energy-saving ideas, including information and demonstrations on installing and operating a variety of solar-energy devices. Among the projects are solar-power generation, solar water heaters, solar heating and cooling units, and many other solar-powered advances

DIY aired several shows and episodes about the 2002 Solar Decathlon periodically throughout 2003.

Finally, organizer efforts to videotape selected aspects of the event and make those scenes available to stations nationwide via “B-roll” footage sent by satellite successfully led to expanded television news coverage in a number of markets around the nation, including KHOU-TV in Houston, KMGH-TV in Denver, and KFMB-TV in San Diego.

Industry and Trade Publications Reached Key Audiences

Targeting relevant industry publications was a major goal of the outreach efforts. And the extensive trade publication coverage that resulted effectively boosted one of the broader goals of the event—that of raising awareness of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies among key industries and professions, such as builders, architects, and designers.

Roll Call, the newspaper that covers Capitol Hill, ran a story aimed at the interests of congressional staffers and others who might use a lunch hour to visit the homes arrayed on the National Mall. Home magazines, including *Natural Home*, *Metropolis*, *Fine Homebuilding*, and *This Old House*, featured Solar Decathlon pieces.

Coverage Included Minority Audiences

In part because a team from Puerto Rico participated in the competition, there was significant ongoing coverage from Spanish-language media. *El Nuevo Dia*, the largest paper in Puerto Rico, covered the local team and the event extensively; the *Latino International* newspaper (based in Orlando, Florida) also reported on the competition.

A historically black school, Tuskegee University, drew extensive publicity from African-American news organizations and the media at large. This coverage included a segment by the cable network Black Entertainment Television (BET).

Columnists and Editorials Offered Perspective

The Solar Decathlon particularly lent itself to favorable treatment by newspaper and magazine columnists. Energy writers, home writers, and others used the more personal platform of a column to offer generally unqualified praise and endorsement for the event, as well as for the energy and environmental concepts it embodied.

The Home Sense column of the *Washington Post* dedicated one week's submission to the event, with special focus on the benefits of solar energy for homeowners and homebuilders.

A Missouri congresswoman, Rep. Jo Ann Emerson, used a visit to the solar home of a university team from her home state as fodder for a column that ran in several newspapers in her district. She praised the team's efforts, and lauded the event for its promotion of energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Congressional visits to entry homes by Rep. Roy Blunt, also of Missouri, and Rep. Mark Udall of Colorado, received press coverage.

One columnist, Lee Bidgood, who writes the Natural Connections Column for Florida newspapers, said that for him the event was inspirational. "I had become discouraged that our nation was lagging far behind Europe in solar development," Bidgood wrote, "when along came news of the Solar Decathlon to give me a lift."

Several editorials also endorsed the event. Typical was that of the *Denver Post*, which congratulated the winning team from Colorado, and found favor with the broader purpose of the Solar Decathlon event.

International Coverage

Voice of America sent several crewmembers on assignments to cover the Solar Decathlon, and its television and radio stories were disseminated to numerous countries in several languages.

In addition, the organizers worked with the U.S. Department of State to host two tours by foreign journalists, including one session undertaken specifically to highlight sustainable development in the United States.

Teams Drew Local and Regional Coverage

A number of newspapers in communities with Solar Decathlon teams embraced the event as their own, publishing stories, photographs, and graphics throughout the competition. One paper, the *Neosho (Missouri) Daily News*, ran numerous stories, and at the conclusion devoted a full-page at the front of a section to results of the event, with photos of each of the 14 teams' homes. Similarly, a major metropolitan daily, the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, covered

the event as a state story, emphasizing the involvement of the students from Missouri.

Many papers and broadcast stations that featured a story before or during the event came back to run a brief story to present final contest results at its conclusion.

The *Boulder (Colorado) Daily Camera* ran a feature it dubbed "Postcard from the Solar Decathlon," in which students offered first-person accounts of home construction and other adventures in Washington.