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## ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS OF NORTHWEST COLORADO (AGNC) SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING ENERGY-RELATED SURVEY, MAY 1-15, 2024

**RIFLE, COLORADO** (May 1, 2024) – The Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC) is committed to fostering economic development that truly reflects the needs and desires of the NW Colorado region. Launching May 1, 2024, is a comprehensive survey managed through the Northwest Colorado Energy Initiative (NCEI) to identify and target key growth opportunities that align with the community's preferences and aspirations during the energy transition.

This survey covers five main categories: Demographics, Opinion, Personal Knowledge, Personal Impressions, and Facts & Thoughts regarding energy production and usage. Participants' input will directly contribute to shaping development initiatives that benefit the region during this crucial energy transition time.

Completing the survey will take approximately 15 minutes and participation will remain completely anonymous. The survey is open to the public and will run May 1-15, 2024.

To participate, click on the following link: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCEI-ENWX-1">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCEI-ENWX-1</a> Alternatively, scan the attached QR code with a smartphone to access the survey directly.



The goal of this survey is to establish a baseline of our region's knowledge and understanding of various energy types. After this survey, the results will lead to further actions surrounding energy education and provide the space for fact-based discussions regarding the future of NW Colorado's economic development.

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Thanks are extended to all communities in Northwest Colorado, the region's esteemed elected officials, Trapper and Tri-State, and the colleges and universities that have supported our efforts with the Northwest Colorado Energy Initiative (NCEI), thus far.

The Northwest Colorado Energy Initiative (NCEI) was established with a critical mission: to guide the region through a pivotal energy transition, identifying suitable alternatives to coal and preparing for the upcoming feasibility study. Our organization is deeply committed to maintaining affordable energy costs, retaining a skilled regional workforce, and ensuring the availability of quality jobs with competitive wages. This commitment aligns with the broader goals outlined in Colorado HB23-1247.

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**About AGNC** (www.agnc.org) Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado is a council of governments and designated Economic Development District, representing the counties of Garfield, Mesa, Moffat, and Rio Blanco and all the municipalities therein. Their mission is to advocate, inform, and reflect the needs of its members by promoting the values, industries, and economies of Northwest Colorado.

**About NCEI** (<a href="www.agnc.org/ncei">www.agnc.org/ncei</a>) The Northwest Colorado Energy Initiative operates under the purview of AGNC and Executive Director, Tiffany Dickenson. The advisory board members are former state House Majority Leader and former CMU President Tim Foster, former state Sen. Bob Rankin, Mesa County Commissioner Cody Davis, Garfield County Commissioner Mike Samson, Rio Blanco County Commissioner Doug Overton and former Moffatt County Commissioner Ray Beck. Former Eagle Town Council member Matt Solomon is the project manager.