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Premier Members Credit Union Receives Landmark “Gold Level” Recognition from Colorado Green Business Network

PMCU first credit union in Colorado to be recognized by the State-Level program

Broomfield, Colorado – Premier Members Credit Union (PMCU) has become the first Credit Union in the State to be certified by the Colorado Green Business Network (CGBN). CGBN rewarded the Credit Union’s years of sustainability work with the highest level of recognition in the program, the highly coveted Gold Membership.

PMCU achieved this new recognition by showing greenhouse gas emission reductions from their buildings, generous support of environmental sustainability and environmental justice organizations in Colorado, and equitable business practices both internally and externally.

“Since 2019, our sustainability program has overseen a 17% decrease in the greenhouse gas intensity of PMCU buildings and increased renewable energy access across the board to over 20% of total electricity consumption,” said PMCU’s Senior Sustainability Specialist Garrett Chappell. “We have also to re-invested over \$70,000 to local grassroots organizations across all our member communities fighting to preserve Colorado’s environment and the well-being of our families and neighbors.”

PMCU will be recognized alongside their fellow sustainable businesses at the Colorado Green Business Network Event on September 29, from 9 am-12 pm. The public is welcome to join the event and learn more about how over 150 local businesses are raising the bar for what it means to make Colorado a healthier and sustainable place to live, work, and play.

About Premier Members: Premier Members Credit Union is a not-for-profit financial institution dedicated to providing financial solutions to individuals and businesses in Colorado’s Front Range. With more than 77,000 members, \$1.7 billion in assets, and 18 retail branches, Premier Members is a leader in the credit union industry. In addition to being at the forefront of the industry in sustainable business practices, Premier Members takes pride in giving back to the communities it serves, supporting a wide variety of partnerships with charitable and sustainable organizations like Community Foundation Boulder County, Eco Cycle, Impact on Education, Jack’s Solar Garden, United Way, Westminster Public Schools Foundation, and others. In 2021, Premier Members Credit Union was awarded first place in the Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Community Service Award. It and has also been recognized as a Civic 50 Honoree each year since 2020, where the credit union was recognized as one of the 50 most community-minded companies in Colorado. To learn more, visit pmcu.org

About Colorado Green Business Network (CGBN):

The Colorado Green Business Network (CGBN) is a voluntary program that encourages, supports, and rewards superior environmental performers that go beyond the requirements of environmental regulations and move toward the goal of true, operational sustainability.

Our goal is to support organizations throughout the state at any level of implementation in increasing the efficiency and sustainability of their operation through assessing opportunities for growth, recognizing success, and providing connections to like-minded businesses throughout the state.

The Colorado Green Business Program's official rating system is divided up into 3 levels (bronze, silver, and gold) and is a points-based application that rewards efforts in energy, water, waste & purchasing, transportation, and policy. To learn more, visit cdphe.colorado.gov/co-green-business

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