The Colorado Convention Center and SMG commit to operations which reduce our environmental impact, focus on conserving resources, and utilizing products, technologies, and methods which continually improve in these efforts. Our sustainable initiatives focus in the areas of: Waste Reduction and Diversion; Energy Conservation; Water Quality and Consumption; Air Quality; Procurement; and Community.
The CCC believes in using certifications as both a tool and guide in developing and implementing our sustainability initiatives. Maintaining these certifications demonstrates an on-going commitment to sustainability, continual improvement, and transparency of our sustainability efforts.

- LEED Existing Building: Operations and Maintenance Level GOLD
- ASTM/APEX Sustainable Event Venue – Level Two
- ISO Standard 14001: Environmental Management System
- The CDPHE Colorado Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) - Gold
Our comprehensive waste management program focuses on identifying, reducing, and diverting the various waste streams created by venue operations, attendees, and clients. Components of this plan include a facility waste audit, as well as methods to reduce the amount of waste being created, manage inevitable waste, and divert waste from landfill by means of reuse, repurposing, recycling, and composting.

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<th>Material</th>
<th>2018 (lbs)</th>
<th>2017 (lbs)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Single Stream Recycling</td>
<td>871,986</td>
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<td>Plastic Bales</td>
<td>9,520</td>
<td>12,580</td>
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<td>Compost</td>
<td>592,020</td>
<td>467,240</td>
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<td>Paper Shredding*</td>
<td>5,936</td>
<td>4,874</td>
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<td>Metal</td>
<td>69,440**</td>
<td>33,860**</td>
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<td>RAFT</td>
<td>1,250 cu ft of material</td>
<td>430 cu ft of material</td>
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<td>Employee Electronic Recycling</td>
<td>1,587</td>
<td>1,174</td>
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<td>Landfill</td>
<td>1,551,481</td>
<td>1,248,853</td>
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<td>Total Waste</td>
<td>3,101,970</td>
<td>2,441,309</td>
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<td>Total Diversion</td>
<td>1,550,485</td>
<td>1,192,456</td>
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<td>Diversion Rate</td>
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*5,936 lbs of paper recycled = 50 trees saved, 20,790 gallons of water saved, 12,177 Kw of energy saved
** 2017 Metal rebates = $1,500 in rebates to CCC and savings of $1,956 in hauling cost.
** 2018 Metal rebates = $1,811 in rebates to CCC and savings of $3,129 in hauling cost.
ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Our electrical department works hard to reduce energy consumption through mindful scheduling, equipment retrofits and upgrades, and preventative maintenance.

Retrofit Projects:
Administrative Offices
- 8.449 kW removed from grid annually
- 26,101.32 kWh annual system savings
- $2,610 annual energy cost saving

Parking Garage
- 7.756 kW removed from grid annually
- 57,115.97 kWh annual system savings
- $5,140 annual energy cost savings

Mile High Ballroom
- 208.007 kW removed from grid annually
- 284,605.10 kWh annual system savings
- $28,460 annual energy cost savings

Equipment Maintenance:
The Engineering department conducted a recommissioning project on air handlers and VFD’s and were recalibrated per recommendations for increased efficiency. Contracted with company to clean all air handler coils on roof for an estimated energy efficiency of 20%. This practice has been integrated into the PM every 5 years.

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STAFF ENGAGEMENT: VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

A The Colorado Convention Center believes in being a good member of our community and supports and encourages our employees to do the same. In 2018, through SMG sponsored opportunities, employees volunteered 259 collective hours at the following organizations/events: Habitat for Humanity, Cuernavaca Park Project, Civic Center Independence Eve, CO Pet Pantry, Project Homeless Connect, Salvation Army Thanksgiving, Salvation Army Christmas.

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STAFF ENGAGEMENT: CLIMB

The CCC CLIMB program continued to be a success among employees with the goal of offering programs that were fun, educational, and benefited the community, all while building employee comradery.

C - Community outreach through volunteer programs

L - Leadership in Sustainability programs and in our responsibility to the environment

I - Identify and incorporate life safety practices in our workplace

M - Making employee health a priority by reinforcing physical, mental and emotional wellness

B - Build a work environment that appreciates and acknowledges employees who provide great customer service, reinforce CCC values, and make strong team builders

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In 2018 this program consisted of the following events: Book Club, Ski trip, Rockies 5k, Furry Scurry, Spartan Race, Broncos 7k, Hot Chocolate 5k, Susan G. Komen Fun Run, Turkey Trot, Bike to work day goodie bags for those who rode in, Plant and Paint Nights, and a Pumpkin Carving competition.

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STAFF ENGAGEMENT: SUSTAINABILITY

- Earth Day Green Week Challenge had 31 employee participants who committed to sustainable actions for the year.

- Awarded (4) Champion for the Environment Awards to convention center employees for their continued leadership in our programs.
For the third year, SMG sponsored an employee Hard to Recycle Event. For a week, employees were given the opportunity to bring in old electronics to be recycled responsibly by BlueStar Recycling, documents to be shred by Bayaud, and shoes and clothing to be donated by Gone For Good. Many employees took advantage of this no-cost opportunity, resulting in 1,587lbs of e-recycling, 121lbs of document shredding, and approximately 25lbs of clothing.
For additional information regarding this report and/or our initiatives at the CCC, please contact our Sustainability Manager, Lindsay Arell
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