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**More than \$20,000 in home improvements offered through home makeover contest**

Lakewood, CO -- Colorado Energy Science Center (CESC) and Colorado Springs Utilities are partnering for the second consecutive year to present a contest in which utility customers can win energy-related home improvements worth more than \$20,000. The contest began on July 1 and ends September 15, 2006.

One utility customer with higher-than-average home energy bills will be chosen to receive the makeover. Consideration will be based on an analysis of the homeowners' energy bills over the last 12 months and other criteria such as which home will best showcase a complete energy efficiency retrofit. Colorado Springs Utilities customers are eligible. Contest entry forms and details will be available on the Springs Utilities' website, [www.csu.org](http://www.csu.org), announcements in local newspapers and online at CESC's website, [www.smartenergyliving.org](http://www.smartenergyliving.org).

The contest is designed to promote home efficiency remodeling through the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR contractor training program. Working with E-Star Colorado, a non-profit contractor training organization and ENERGY STAR partner, the program is a one-stop shop concept for home energy efficiency retrofits. It provides contractors with the necessary training and diagnostic equipment to provide homeowners with a customized plan for addressing their energy bills and home comfort solutions. Homeowners benefit by knowing what measures are cost effective and will adequately address their concerns, while having one general contractor responsible for performing the work.

The Stuart family won the first contest in 2005, and saved 30% on winter energy costs. A complete list of the 2005 results, a list of co-sponsors, contest rules and application can be found on CESC's website, [www.smartenergyliving.org](http://www.smartenergyliving.org).

CESC is a non-profit energy education organization dedicated to educating consumers about home energy efficiency. The organization holds regular consumer workshops, publishes a semi-annual magazine called Smart Energy Living, and also runs contest with Xcel Energy.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Colorado Energy Science Center, [www.smartenergyliving.org](http://www.smartenergyliving.org)  
Home Performance with ENERGY STAR, [www.chpwes.org](http://www.chpwes.org)  
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