

C2B2 Director Attends Historic Bill Signing

Professor John Dorgan, CSM Site Director, attended the signing of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act by United States President Barack Obama on Tuesday February 17th at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

“I’m grateful to Congressman Perlmutter for the invitation and for his unwavering support of renewable energy development in Colorado” says Dorgan. Joining Professor Dorgan at the signing was David Hiller, Executive Director of the [Colorado Renewable Energy Collaboratory](#) which provides matching dollars from the State of Colorado to C2B2.

The setting for the Bill signing was intended to underscore the new law's role in creating clean-energy jobs. Namaste Solar, a Boulder based company, installed solar panels on the Museum as well as on the Governor’s mansion. President Obama’s remarks were preceded by Governor Ritter speaking about Colorado’s role in the New Energy Economy, emphasizing the



importance of creating new jobs and making our universities research leaders in renewable and alternative energy.

There is no doubt that Colorado has a dominant role to play in renewable and alternative energy production according to Dorgan. He cites C2B2 expertise in feedstock engineering, biotechnology, and thermochemical conversions as areas where C2B2 participants are shaping the future of the global energy industry.

“The President’s decision to sign this Bill in Colorado is completely appropriate. C2B2 and our collaborating sponsors are on the vanguard of producing sustainable energy systems that will create jobs, facilitate national security, and protect the environment,” concludes Dorgan.