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Adaptation Services for Local Governments

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, USA (ICLEI) and Adaptation Services Group (ASG) provide climate adaptation advisory services to local governments.

Our work with communities in identifying the specific likelihood of extreme and chronic weather events uses Temperate, a climate-science driven model, to create a threat-assessment for participating communities for their future use.

Many cities lack identification of the climate hazards and vulnerabilities specific to their community and the technical support to interpret and apply the data. Temperate reports will be prepared by ASG experts and delivered to policy makers, city staff, and stakeholders in a manner that is understandable and actionable.

ASG will use Temperate in the following ways:

- Threat Identification - identify changing climate conditions that will have an impact on the community.
- Impact Potential - match climate threats with community systems. ASG will provide a report of the implications to the local government, including impacts on public health, water management, land use, and other areas, with a focus on equity considerations across all types of impacts.
- Vulnerability Assessment –create a vulnerability assessment that utilizes interdepartmental collaboration and community stakeholder engagement.
- Suggested Actions - provide suggested starting points for strategy development, based on a compilation of more than forty cities’ adaptation plans and ASG direct experience.

For communities participating in the voluntary Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, Temperate uses the same hazards and community systems that the Global Covenant asks their signatories to assess.

About ICLEI USA and Adaptation Service Group

More than 1,000 U.S. cities, towns, counties, and regions have participated in ICLEI's activities during its 25-year history through its membership and programmatic offerings. ICLEI is part of a consortium of three non-profits working in collaboration with California's investor owned utilities to deliver energy efficiency and climate action tools and resources to local governments through the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative.

Adaptation Services Group is a Colorado Beneficial Corporation that specializes in climate change adaptation and mitigation, led by Seth Portner. Seth has 20 years of experience in government climate change issues, focusing on adaptation planning and programs. Former Deputy Director of Colorado's Energy Office (GEO) for Governor Bill Ritter, Jr., Mr. Portner led hundreds of climate change mitigation and adaptation programs across Colorado's 64 counties, both rural and urban. After GEO Seth was the managing partner of Populus, LLC which provided climate adaptation and mitigation services to local governments and utilities across the United States before being acquired by CLEAResult in 2014. Seth went on to lead CLEAResults business practice for the Southwestern United States, as well as all former Populus work.

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