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DNC Delegates To Be Rewarded For Being Green

DENVER - The Democratic National Convention Committee announced The Green Delegate Challenge on Monday.

Delegates will be awarded for off setting the carbon footprint, which is the amount of greenhouse gases they produce by traveling to the convention, measured in units of carbon dioxide.

Delegates can do that by obtaining carbon offsets. Delegates may obtain their carbon offsets from a number of domestic community-based clean energy projects including the community-owned, utility-scale Wray School District Wind Turbine in Wray, Colo.; a Focus the Nation Wind Turbine on a family farm in Rosedell Township, Minn.; a fourth generation family dairy farm methane project in Rockwood, Pa.; and the Des Plaines, Ill., Landfill Gas-to-Energy Project. More offset opportunities will be added on the **DNCC's Web site**.

Participants will receive a green item to wear during convention week and will be recognized online. The delegations with the highest number of participants will sit in a special section at the Pepsi Center.

The deadline for obtaining and presenting carbon offsets is August 1.

DNCC CEO Leah Daughtry says the committee has applied green principles to every decision made. Documents are printed on double-sided paper, the committee has a recycling program in the office and are using vendors with a track record of sustainability.

There are also 250 "green" businesses in a directory which will be available to delegates.

Mayor John Hickenlooper (D-Denver) says delegates will be encouraged to make choices that are good for their health and the environment.

The DNCC says more green initiatives will be announced this month in honor of Earth Day on April 22.

The DNC runs August 25 to 28 at the Pepsi Center.