Supporting the work of mayors and other local government leaders through climate action tools, technical and communications assistance, and peer networking.
Mission

Our mission is to build, serve and drive a movement of local governments to advance deep reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and achieve tangible improvements in local sustainability.
ICLEI - A Worldwide Movement of Local Governments

11 Offices

68 Countries

6 Continents

- Climate Change Mitigation
- Climate Adaptation / Resilience
- Sustainability Performance
ICLEI USA Offices
Regional Capacity Centers Across the Nation

Western States
Denver, CO

Midwest
Chicago, IL

Northeast and Mid Atlantic
Boston, MA

Southeast RCC
(Coming in 2008)

Pacific Northwest
Seattle, WA

USA Headquarters
California
Oakland, CA

South Central
Houston, TX
ICLEI USA Network

Over 370 member local governments representing more than 25% of the population.
Multiple Benefits of Local Climate Protection

- Improve air quality
- Reduce municipal operating costs
- Save money
- Reduce traffic congestion
- Create local jobs
- Improve quality of urban life
How do local governments benefit from working with ICLEI?

- National and international network of peers
- Emissions Analysis Software and Decision Support Tools
- ICLEI Trainings and Events
- Technical, policy and communications assistance
From the article “Mayors Take the Lead” in Newsweek’s 2007 Earth Day issue:

“Embarking on an environmental program sounds like a great idea. But if you're a mayor trying to cut greenhouse gases, where do you begin? How do you even know how to measure your current levels? That's where an organization called ICLEI — Local Governments for Sustainability can help.”
Local government policies affect all major sources of greenhouse gas emissions.
The 5 Milestone Process

1. Make Commitment
2. Milestone 1: Inventory Emissions
3. Milestone 2: Set Target/Goal
4. Milestone 4: Implement Local Action Plan
5. Milestone 5: Monitor/Evaluate Progress
ICLEI and the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement (MCPA)

- As of February, 2008, over 750 U.S. cities have signed the MCPA
- Mayors strive to meet or beat the Kyoto Protocol targets: 7% reduction from 1990 levels by 2012
- Mayors urge the state and federal government to adopt environmentally sustainable policies and programs
- ICLEI members are often also MCPA signatories
80 X 50

- Federal?
- State?
- Local?
STAR Community Index

- Globally recognized green standards system for cities
- Accountability in data and actions
- Prioritized and informed decision making
- A roadmap for cities to track and achieve climate and sustainability goals
- Peer-to-peer learning among communities and citizen engagement