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## **Company helps national convention go green**

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A Fort Collins company is helping the Democratic National Convention host committee go green.

The sustainable engineering consulting firm The Brendle Group has been chosen to help minimize the committee's environmental impact as it plans for the Aug. 25-28 convention.

The Brendle Group originated its sustainability management system service in 2005, positioning it as Colorado's first climate-neutral company, with a goal for zero waste by 2010, Brendle Group president and principal engineer Judy Dorsey said in a statement.

The DNC host committee will use the sustainability management system developed by Brendle as a guide to integrate sustainable practices in its fundraising, media events, travel and preparation for the convention at the Pepsi Center.

"This shows how wide the convention and Democratic Party are casting the net of studying their impact," Dorsey said Wednesday.

The host committee approached The Brendle Group for assistance because of its sustainability management system, she said.

DNC Chairman Howard Dean has already said he wants to make the 2008 convention the greenest in history.

"Greening is a value we are including in everything we do," Mike Dino, CEO of the Denver 2008 convention host committee, said in a statement.

"We are grateful to The Brendle Group for helping us set up a system that will integrate sustainable operations into our everyday office systems."

The Brendle Group first developed the sustainability management system as an internal system for assessing its own environmental footprint as a company and as a way to prioritize and implement ways to reach and measure its sustainable goals.

The Brendle Group provides support in advancing clean energy, climate protection, resource conservation and sustainability of the built environment.

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