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## Eco-Friendly Plumber Wins Vail 2016 Success Award

**Save Energy. Integrate. Influence Responsibly. Share.**

**Vail, CO, May 12, 2017:** American Plumbing Heating and Solar, Inc. has won the prestigious 2016 Success Award. The 14th Annual Success Award recognizes businesses that have excelled over the past year and acknowledges their hard work and dedication as the best in the Vail Valley. APHS is nominated in the Actively Green category that is awarded to a local business for promoting a community culture of sustainability. APHS may be the first and only plumbing business certified Actively Green in the world. The winner was announced at a community luncheon on May 12<sup>th</sup> in Bachelor Gulch, Colorado.

**A Commitment to Sustainability.** "Growing up in Turkey, learning my trade in Europe, and then moving to the United States, has been a rewarding experience. I love my adopted country, thus the name of my business – American! I have grown as a person as my business has grown. One direction that I have brought forth from

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my home is the introduction of water and energy saving products for the customers I service. I believe we owe it to our children and our planet to be as efficient as possible, and a plumber has a responsibility to help.” says owner Mustafa Aydin.

**APHS was quick to accomplish.** The business received certification in a few short weeks’ time. This is mostly due to a pre-existing commitment to running a green business; they had many key items in place, such as recycling. The company has recorded 739.75 lbs. that was recycled. The ratio of waste to landfill vs. recycle is greater than 3 to one – for every pound sent to landfill, we recycle 3.5 lbs. And the local recycle center pays the company for a lot of the standard plumbing waste. APHS has earned over \$500 since recording the waste. A new LED lighting system was the number one action item for them. The lighting project in the office and shop is done and will pay for itself in less than three years. “It feels great!” says the employee green team member.

**An honor among peers.** Success Awards are presented by the Vail Valley Partnership, the regional chamber of commerce for the Vail, Eagle County mountain resort community. For the past fourteen years, the Vail Valley Partnership has had the honor of recognizing businesses, non-profits and individuals who have helped make the Vail Valley and Eagle County a dynamic and diverse business community. The Success Awards are given for business achievement, business growth and community involvement. APHS was one among seventeen nominees in their category, and then won among the three finalists.

“I never imagined my company, my little plumbing business, would achieve such an honor. Wow! It’s a mind blower. And it’s especially rewarding knowing that other local businesses recognize our achievement. This really makes me want to do more to set a good example for our community.” says Mr. Aydin.

#### **That Green Thing:**

American Plumbing Heating and Solar, Inc. earned the Actively Green 2017 eco-award certification from Sustainable Travel International and local organization, Walking Mountains Science Center. This certification demonstrates the APHS commitment to the environment and to sharing that commitment with clients and the Eagle Valley community.



And we'll get to make a video like this one next year.

Contact American Plumbing, Heating and Solar to schedule a consult about your home or business energy savings or general plumbing needs – 970-748-8667. Online: <http://www.aphsolar.com/contact-us>. View our company message and video about solar heating systems [on our You Tube channel](#).

#### **About American Plumbing Heating and Solar, Inc.:**

American Plumbing Heating and Solar is a leading residential and commercial plumbing contractor in Vail, Eagle County, Colorado. We offer full-service plumbing, hvac and solar hot water (solar thermal) solutions. As part of our mission, we operate in an energy efficient, sustainability manner. In fact, as a Lodging Quality Assurance (LQA) certified vendor, we offer our clients attractive and energy, water saving fixtures when we replace or remodel their plumbing system. For more information, contact APHS at P.O. Box 9134, Avon, CO 81632. Tel: 970-748-8667, Fax: 970-692-8381. Visit our website and blog at [www.aphsolar.com](http://www.aphsolar.com).

#### **About the Vail Valley Partnership and the Success Awards:**

Vail Valley Partnership, a 501c(6) nonprofit organization, has been engaged in the community from the early days of Vail, starting in 1964 as the Vail Resort Association. Vail Valley Partnership is the regional community development organization, dedicated to the economic vitality of the Vail Valley. We support local businesses. We unite key stakeholders. We lead collaborative efforts throughout the community.

With a membership of 800+ organizations that spans the Vail Valley and beyond and which represents 80% of the local workforce, Vail Valley Partnership is dedicated to ensuring local business success and fostering regional economic vitality by offering local business tools & resources, promoting the Vail Valley to destination guests, and initiating economic development efforts.

**What are the Success Awards?** The Partnership has had the honor of recognizing businesses, non-profits and individuals who have helped make the Vail, Eagle Valley a dynamic and diverse business community. The Success Awards are given for business achievement, business growth and community involvement. Each year,

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the business community nominates organizations and individuals for recognition via the success awards. Our nominating committee poured over the applications and selected three finalists in each category. Learn more about the Success Awards and the Vail Valley Partnership at this link:

<https://www.vailvalleypartnership.com/events/annual-success-awards/>

### **About Actively Green – Local and International:**

The Actively Green Sustainable Business Certification Program is part of a larger movement to create a culture of sustainability throughout the Eagle Valley. Over 140 businesses have participated in the trainings with 51 businesses, including American Plumbing Heating and Solar, currently certified and many more actively working toward certification.

The Actively Green Sustainable Business Training and Certification Program was launched as an innovative legacy initiative of the 2015 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships in Vail and Beaver Creek. Through a partnership with the global non-profit [Sustainable Travel International](#) the Eagle Valley has its own credible certification program and sustainability management system. Founding program sponsors are Sustainable Travel International, [The Town of Vail](#), [Walking Mountains Science Center](#), [Vail Valley Foundation](#). APHS encourages others to take advantage of the training and incentives through the Vail Valley Partnership and Eagle County.

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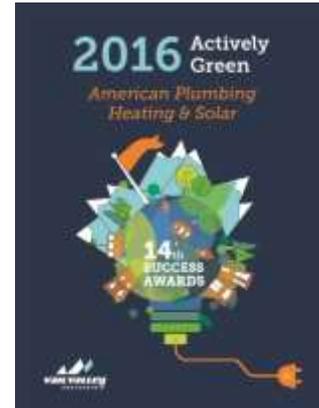
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[Red Sky Project Solar Roof](#)



Receiving the award: Mark Herron, Mustafa Aydin,  
Debbie Marquez, Chris Romer



Mustafa speaks about solar energy (Click Link to view  
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