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Qualtek Earns ELP Gold Leader Designation

August 3, 2016. Colorado Springs, CO – Qualtek Manufacturing was named a Gold Leader in the Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/environmental-leadership-program>
The ELP recognizes environmental performers that go beyond regulatory requirements toward the goal of sustainability.

Gold Leaders must have in place a fully operational, facility-specific Environmental Management System assessed by a third-party auditor, provide a summary of achievements, and establish continual environmental improvement goals. Among the achievements that earned Qualtek the Gold Leader designation were purchasing renewable wind power that reduced emissions by 30%, saving energy by purchasing new efficient equipment, reusing more than 35,000 gallons of water per year in its manufacturing processes, and installing solar arrays that provide 90% of the power for its office building.

Qualtek's E-Team leads environmental initiatives and is comprised of employees throughout the company. In addition to establishing an efficient EMS system, employees created a garden, adopted a waterway, and developed programs to reduce, reuse and recycle. Qualtek's President, Chris Fagnant, held the role of Director of E (Environment) when he first began work at the company and has made environmental efforts systemic throughout the organization. Through his leadership, Qualtek has become a role model for manufacturers who are looking for both environmental and economic returns on their sustainability efforts. "Achieving the Gold Leader designation recognizes the commitment Qualtek employees have for environmental initiatives," stated Fagnant.

Qualtek Manufacturing Inc. (www.qualtekmfg.com) manufactures high quality specialty metal parts by providing metal stamping, heat-treating, finishing, and wire EDM services all in their Colorado Springs location. Qualtek Manufacturing is privately held and has been in operation for more than 50 years. The company is ISO 9001:2008 Certified, and is on track to achieve ISO 13485 as well as 14001 environmental by the end of 2016. Qualtek's Q-munity® founded and supports Blue Star Recyclers, an award-winning 501c3 sustainable enterprise that creates local jobs for people with autism and other disabilities by ethically recycling electronics.