



EDCC's Regional Economic Development Forum

Region 2: Larimer & Weld Counties

June 8, 2017 | Loveland, CO

AGENDA:

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. **Registration and Networking**

8:30 – 8:40 a.m. **Welcome and EDCC Overview**

Presenter: John Hall – EDCC Board Chair | Economic Development Director, City of Westminster

Hall will present an overview of EDCC and its core mission, including how the EDCC engages at the state level and its impact on communities around the state.

8:40 – 9:15 a.m. **REGIONAL OVERVIEW: Larimer & Weld Counties**

Presenter: Elizabeth Garner – State Demographer, DOLA

9:15 – 10:30 a.m. **Regional Transportation (The New Definition of a P3)**

It's not the common definition of a public private partnership: It's the *participation* of regional partners at the local level, *policy* at the state level, and *performance* at the federal level that is moving infrastructure needs forward. This panel will discuss how northern Colorado has effectively leveraged these partnerships to address critical infrastructure needs at the local level. Panelist will include State, Local and Federal representatives who are not only driving the conversation; they are implementing a strategy of pooling resources to address all facets of transportation that will support the regional economy.

Moderator: Rich Werner, President and CEO, Upstate Colorado

Panelists:

David May – President and CEO, Fort Collin's Chamber of Commerce

Sandra Hagen-Solin – Founder/President-CEO, Capitol Solutions

10:30 – 10:40 a.m. **Networking Break**

10:40 – 11:55 a.m.

What Makes Sector Partnerships Successful?

Sector partnerships are industry specific regional partnerships led by business in conjunction with economic development, education, and workforce development. Initiated in 2013, Region 2 formed two sector partnerships; manufacturing and healthcare, as a result of Governor Hickenlooper’s State Economic Development Blue Print Plan. Today, over 450 businesses are actively involved in sector partnerships across Colorado. What are the contributing factors that are making these partnerships so successful in northern Colorado?

Moderator: Stacy Johnson, Economic Development Director, Town of Windsor

Panelists:

Yvonne Myers – Healthcare Sector Partnership

Tony Wampler – NoCo Manufacturing Sector Partnership

11:55 – 1:05 p.m.

Keynote Luncheon

Presenter: Stephanie Copeland – Executive Director, Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT)

Copeland will provide an overview on the State of Colorado’s economic development priorities and upcoming initiatives.

1:05 – 2:20 p.m.

Talent 2.0: Northern Colorado’s Action Plan to Attract, Retrain, and Grow its Talent Pipeline

As northern Colorado’s region continues to grow, maintenance and accessibility of a talented workforce must be a top priority. To address northern Colorado’s workforce needs, a team of regional organizations came together, along with TIP Strategies to create a regional action plan, which is now formally called Talent 2.0. This session will highlight what the action plan outlines including a national trend that is starting to take shape.

Presenter: Caroline Alexander – Senior Consultant, TIP Strategies

2:20 – 2:30 p.m.

Closing Comments

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