



CO | ALIGN

Informational Webinar

DECEMBER 18, 2025

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Fostering a cohesive framework that connects Economic Development Districts (EDDs), governmental and non-governmental agencies, and other economic development stakeholders to propel Colorado's economic growth forward.

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About CO|Align

CO|Align is Colorado's collaborative initiative to strengthen economic development across the state.

We connect Economic Development Districts (EDDs), government agencies, and other stakeholders to enhance communication, foster strategic partnerships, and influence statewide priorities. Our goal is to create a unified framework that supports sustainable, inclusive economic growth for all communities in Colorado.

Colorado's Economic Development District Map

REGION 1

Northeast Colorado Association of Local Governments
231 Main St. Suite 211
Fort Morgan, CO 80701
970.867.9409

REGION 2

North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization
419 Canyon, Suite 300
Fort Collins, CO 80521
970.416.2257

REGION 3

Denver Regional Council of Governments
1290 Broadway, Suite 700
Denver, CO 80203
303.480.6701

REGION 4

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
15 South 7th Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80905
719.471.7080

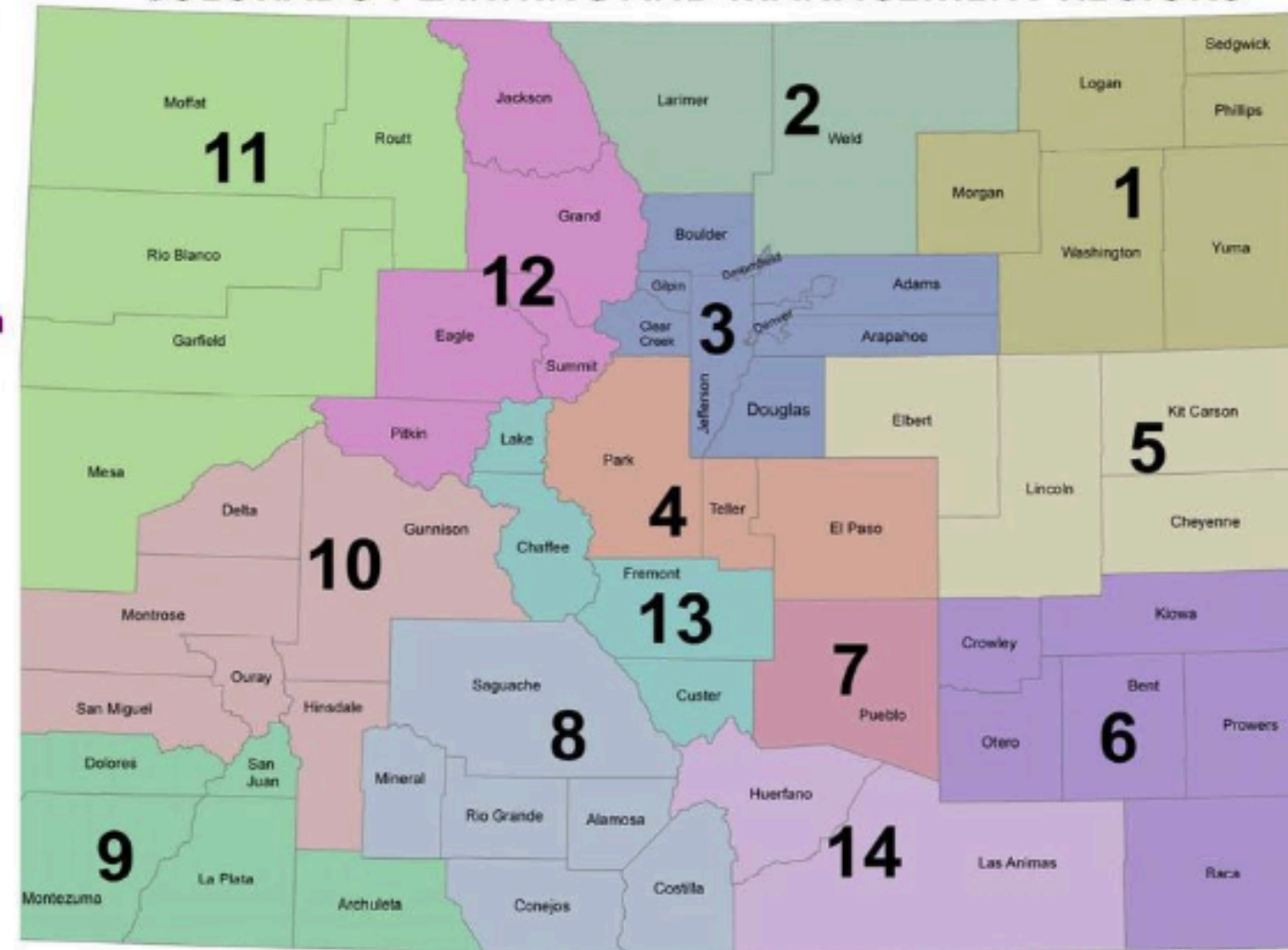
REGION 5

East Central Colorado Council of Governments
128 Colorado Avenue
PO Box 28
Stratton, CO 80836
719.348.5562

REGION 6

Southeast Colorado Enterprise Development
112 West Elm Steet
Lamar, CO 81052
719.336.3835

COLORADO PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT REGIONS



REGION 7

Pueblo Area Council of Governments
223 N. Santa Fe Avenue
Pueblo, CO 81003
719.553.2951

REGION 8

**San Luis Valley Development Resources Group
SLV Council of Governments**
610 State Street, Suite 200
PO Box 300
Alamosa, CO 81101
719.589.6099

REGION 9

**Southwest Colorado Council of Governments
Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado**
135 Burnett Drive, Unit 1
Durango, CO 81303
970.247.9621

REGION 10

Region 10 League for Economic Assistance
300 North Cascade Street, Suite 1
Montrose, CO 81401
970.249.2436

REGION 11

Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado
P.O. Box 11
Parachute, CO 81635
970.285.7630

REGION 12

Northwest Colorado Council of Governments
249 Warren Avenue
P.O. Box 2308
Silverthorne, CO 80498
970.468.0295

REGION 13

Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments
3224 A Independence Road
Canon City, CO 81215
719.275.8350

REGION 14

South Central Council of Governments
300 Bonaventure Avenue
Trinidad, CO 81082
719.845.1133



<https://coloradoregions.colorado.gov/about>

Vision

Our vision centers around establishing and promoting a robust framework.

This framework aims to:

1 Facilitate enhanced communication, collaboration, and alignment of economic development strategies and actions within Colorado.

2 Foster partnerships between EDDs, governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, and key workforce development stakeholders.

3 Create a framework that would serve as a critical touchpoint for legislation affecting local economic development across the state.



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JOIN THE COALITION



COLORADO
Office of Economic Development
& International Trade



Colorado Association of
Regional Organizations



Colorado Workforce
Development Council



COLORADO
Department of Local Affairs



COLORADO
Department of
Labor and Employment



REGIONAL ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY



UPSTATE COLORADO
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Pikes Peak Area
Council of Governments
Communities Working Together



SAN LUIS VALLEY
DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES GROUP
&
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS





Milestones

- Established regular meetings for Core/Home Teams to achieve set goals.
- Developed an internal and external communication strategy.
- Identify resources for sustaining efforts long-term.
- Create an MOU between statewide organizations to leverage strengths and enhance collaboration.
- Next steps after the Policy Academy:
 - Announce phase 2 of the initiative to celebrate progress.
 - Enhance the CO|Align brand.
 - Secure Visible Network Labs to map ecosystem players.
 - Build consensus among state cabinet leadership.
 - Obtain funding for one FTE to drive strategy objectives.

CO|ALIGN INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR

2023 - APRIL

Began participating in CREC's Policy Academy.

2024 - FEBRUARY

Completed CREC's Policy Academy & initiated phase #2 of the initiative.

2024 - OCTOBER

Launched CO|Align at EDCC's Conference and began MOU process.

What does this mean to you?



- **Local Needs Incorporated:** Your local priorities are embedded in the regional CEDS.
- **Alignment of Priorities:** The regional CEDS informs the state CEDS, ensuring that state programs, policies, and incentives align with local needs.
- **Equitable Funding:** State and federal funding will be more equitably distributed across the state, reflecting local priorities.
- **Collaboration for Greater Impact:** Regional collaboration will help secure larger funding opportunities, enhancing the impact of economic development efforts and avoiding competition for the same resources.
- **Strategic Partnerships:** Encourages collaboration across municipalities, counties, and regions to address complex challenges and create more robust economic development initiatives.

Why Sign?



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- **Support Statewide Alignment:** Demonstrate solidarity in supporting a unified statewide economic strategy—a crucial advantage for Colorado’s economic competitiveness.

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- **Build a Sustainable Framework:** Help create a lasting framework that withstands government transitions and ensures continued success.

3

- **Peer-Led Initiative:** This initiative is driven by the collective input of Economic and Workforce peers across the state.

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- **Support Equitable Funding:** Signing the MOU shows your commitment to ensuring local capacity-building and fair distribution of economic development resources across Colorado.



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MOU Signees To Date

◆ **ARAPAHOE DOUGLAS WORKS!**

◆ **BACA COUNTY EDC**

◆ **BOULDER CHAMBER**

◆ **BOULDER SBDC**

◆ **BACA COUNTY EDC**

◆ **CITY OF BURLINGTON**

◆ **CITY OF CRAIG**

◆ **CITY OF LA JUNTA**

◆ **CITY OF LOVELAND**

◆ **CO APEX ACCELERATOR**

◆ **CO ASSOC OF REGIONAL ORGS**

◆ **CO COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

◆ **CDLE**

◆ **DOLA**

◆ **COLORADO ENTERPRISE FUND**

◆ **OEDIT**

◆ **OIT - BROADBAND OFFICE**

◆ **CO RIVER VALLEY EDP**

◆ **DAKIN CAPITAL LLC**

◆ **DENVER SOUTH**

◆ **DOWNTOWN COLORADO INC**

◆ **EAST CENTRAL COG**

◆ **ECONOMIC CATALYSTS LLC**

◆ **EDCC**

◆ **ENERGIZE COLORADO**

◆ **ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR ALL**

◆ **FIRST FLATIRON CONSULTING**

◆ **GROWL AGENCY**

◆ **JANE CROTHERS**

◆ **MAIN STREET STEAMBOAT**

◆ **MANUFACTURER'S EDGE**

◆ **MONTROSE EDC**

◆ **NWCCOG**

◆ **NORTHWEST LOAN FUND**

◆ **ONE DELTA COUNTY**

◆ **OTERO COUNTY**



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MOU Signees To Date

- ◆ **PAGOSA SPRINGS CDC**
- ◆ **PRAIRIE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**
- ◆ **PRAIRIE ROSE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**
- ◆ **REGION 9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**
- ◆ **REGION 10 LEAGUE FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE & PLANNING**
- ◆ **ROCKIES VENTURE CLUB**
- ◆ **RURAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICE - OEDIT**
- ◆ **SOUTHEAST CO ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT**
- ◆ **SOUTHERN COLORADO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**
- ◆ **SUMMIT ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP**
- ◆ **VAIL VALLEY PARTNERSHIP**
- ◆ **WESTERN GRID SOLAR, INC.**



Q&A

We are here to answer your questions!



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THANK YOU



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