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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.

- ◆ **ORIGINS & THE COALITION**
- ◆ **BUILDING THE FOUNDATION**
- ◆ **A SHARED COMMITMENT**
- ◆ **REGIONAL CEDS PERSPECTIVE**
- ◆ **CEDS 5-CORE PILLARS**
- ◆ **INTEGRATION**
- ◆ **FEDERAL PERSPECTIVE**
- ◆ **Q & A**
- ◆ **NEXT STEPS**



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REGIONAL ECONOMIC
COMPETITIVENESS



- **The CORE Group:** A lean team of state leaders, industry experts, and regional district representatives tasked with participating in the academy and driving the strategy.
- **The HOME Group:** A large coalition including our state agencies—OEDIT, CDLE, CWDC, DOLA, and the Broadband Office—alongside our community and mountain college systems and our regional districts.

JOIN THE COALITION



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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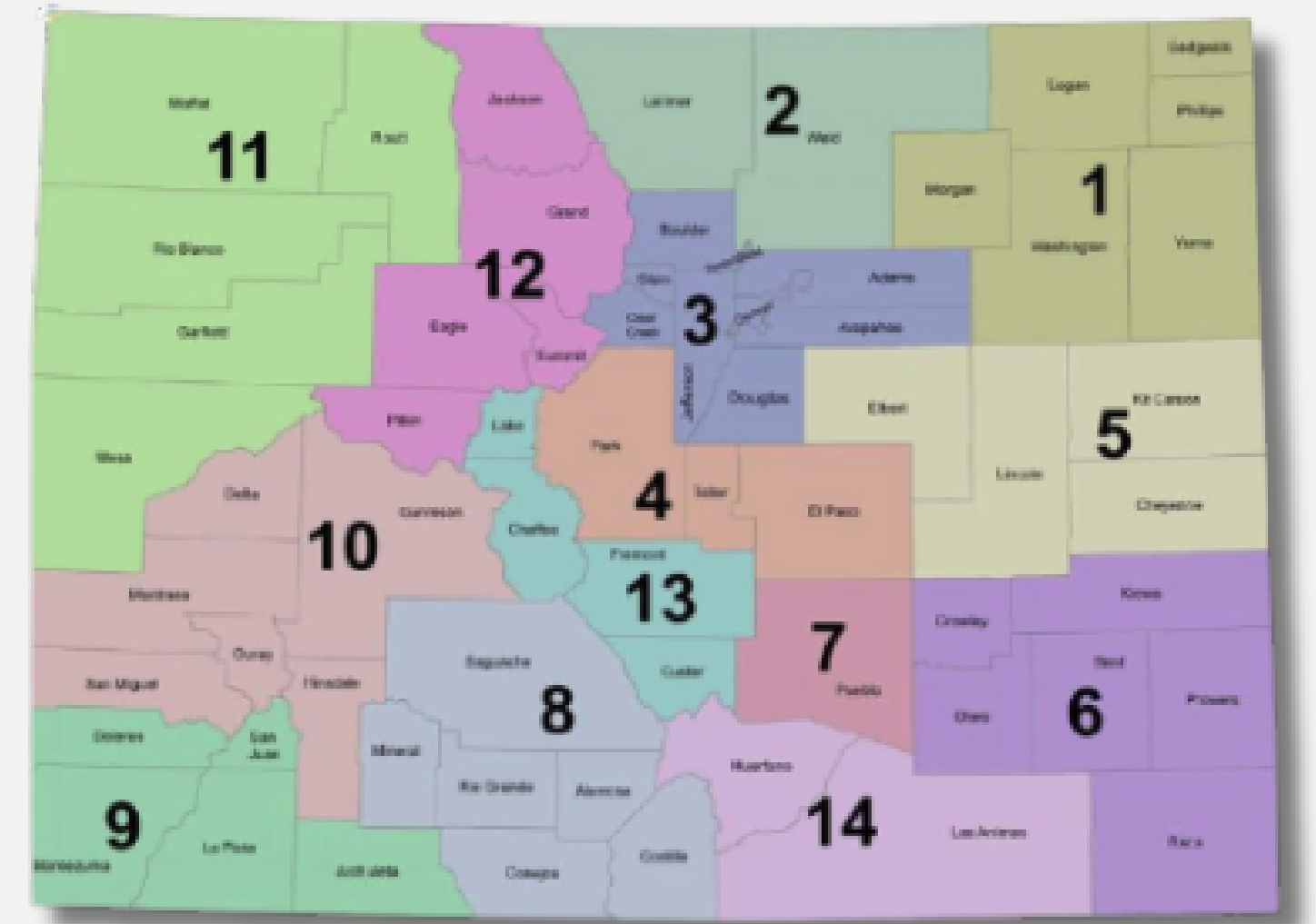
Regional and Tribal CEDS

Regional CEDS

- **Region 1:** Golden Plains
- **Region 2:** Northern Colorado
- **Region 3:** Denver
- **Region 4:** Pikes Peak
- **Region 5:** East Central Council of Governments
- **Regions 6, 7, 13 & 14:** Southern Colorado Economic Development District
- **Region 8:** San Luis Valley Economic Development District
- **Region 9:** Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado
- **Region 10:** Central Western Slope
- **Region 11:** Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado
- **Region 12:** Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

Tribal CEDS

- Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
- Southern Ute Indian Tribe



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Statewide CEDS

Strategic Themes, Goals, + Strategies

- Housing
- Job Creation + Business Development
- Growing Key Industries
- Quality of Life + Tourism
- Community Infrastructure + Resources

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Strategic Themes, Goals, Strategies

The strategic themes represent the key priority areas for Colorado. They were informed by the regional CEDS, as well as key statewide goals and priorities. Each theme is supported by key goals to help achieve a desired outcome that supports the vision.

Housing



Goal One: Support the creation of and access to different types of housing options that meet the needs of each region's workforce and residents.

Job Creation + Business Development



Goal Two: Support the attraction, retention and training of an adaptable, skilled talent pool, especially in those regions facing transition from historical economy-driving industries.

Goal Three: Support business creation, expansion, retention and recruitment to strengthen regional economies and generate job growth.

Growing Key Industries



Goal Four: Enable and support the growth and development of existing state and regional target industries.

Goal Five: Encourage diversified and emerging industries to drive economic growth and ensure greater resiliency in the face of destabilizing pressures, such as transitioning industries or unforeseeable global dynamics.

Quality of Life + Tourism



Goal Six: Support the revitalization and development of vibrant, livable communities.

Goal Seven: Continue to responsibly steward and strengthen the state's robust tourism/travel, outdoor recreation and arts/creative industries.

Goal Eight: Protect and provide access to all our natural resources and expand the state's ability to respond to natural disasters and other disruptions and mitigate their impacts.

Community Infrastructure + Resources



Goal Nine: Support strategic and community-prioritized infrastructure investments that save money, enhance broadband connectivity, mobility, transportation, job growth, business development and quality of life.

Goal Ten: Enable and increase access to community services (e.g., childcare, education, healthcare, mental health, and resources for people of all ages and abilities).

This section includes an overview of each of the Strategic Themes, as well as the goals and strategies that support them. This Statewide CEDS sets broad, flexible goals and strategies that empower each region to tailor actions to its unique needs—ensuring local priorities lead the way in driving meaningful, lasting impact.

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Strategic Direction



A SHARED COMMITMENT



The screenshot shows a web form titled "COLORADO ALIGNMENT" with a logo. Below the title is a button that says "Sign CO|Align's MOU". The form includes fields for "First Name*", "Last Name*", "Email Address*", "Phone Number*", "Job Title*", and "Organization*". A paragraph of text describes the initiative, and a bulleted list starts with "Enhance Communication and Collaboration: Facilitate better coordination of economic development strategies and...". At the bottom, it says "Once you complete the form, you'll receive an email with instructions on how to sign the MOU." and "By submitting this form, you will also be subscribed to the...".

COLORADO ALIGNMENT

Sign CO|Align's MOU

Colorado's Economic Development Alignment Vision
CO|Align has Launched!

Welcome to Colorado's Economic Development alignment initiative, Colorado Align (CO|Align), where collaboration and communication are at the heart of our vision and victory statements. Statewide economic development organizations aim to foster 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.

Our vision is to establish and promote a robust framework that aims to:

- **Enhance Communication and Collaboration:** Facilitate better coordination of economic development strategies and

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- Support Statewide Alignment
- Build a Sustainable Framework
- Peer-Led Initiative
- Support Equitable Funding



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MOU



Colorado Association of Regional Organizations



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COLORADO
Department of
Labor and Employment



COLORADO
Broadband Office
Governor's Office of Information Technology



Colorado Workforce
Development Council

- ✓ Adams County Government
- ✓ Adams County Workforce and Business Center
- ✓ Arapahoe Douglas Works!
- ✓ Baca County Economic Development Commission
- ✓ Becker Workforce & Economic Development LLC, DBA BeckerWEDLLC
- ✓ Boulder Chamber
- ✓ Boulder Small Business Development Center
- ✓ City of Brush!
- ✓ City of Burlington
- ✓ City of Craig
- ✓ City of La Junta
- ✓ City of Loveland
- ✓ City of Thornton
- ✓ Colorado APEX Accelerator
- ✓ Colorado Association of Regional Organizations
- ✓ Colorado Community College System
- ✓ Colorado Department of Labor and Employment
- ✓ Colorado Department of Local Affairs
- ✓ Colorado Enterprise Fund
- ✓ Colorado Mountain College, Spring Valley and Glenwood Springs
- ✓ Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade
- ✓ Colorado Office of Information & Technology
- ✓ Colorado River Valley Economic Development Partnership

- ✓ Colorado Rural Workforce Consortium
- ✓ Colorado School of Mines Foundation
- ✓ Colorado State University
- ✓ Colorado Technology Association
- ✓ Colorado Workforce Development Council
- ✓ Dakin Capital LLC
- ✓ Denver Economic Development & Opportunity
- ✓ Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG)
- ✓ Downtown Colorado, Inc.
- ✓ East Central Council of Governments
- ✓ Economic Catalysts LLC
- ✓ Economic Development Council of Colorado
- ✓ Elevate Quantum
- ✓ Employment Services of Weld County
- ✓ Energize Colorado
- ✓ Entrepreneurship for All
- ✓ First Flatiron Consulting
- ✓ Forward Steps
- ✓ Gary Horvath
- ✓ Grand Junction Economic Partnership
- ✓ GROWL Agency
- ✓ Gunnison Country Chamber of Commerce

- ✓ Jane Crothers
- ✓ Jefferson County Business and Workforce Center
- ✓ JeffCo Economic Development Corporation
- ✓ La Plata Economic Development Alliance
- ✓ Larimer County Economic & Workforce Development
- ✓ Logan County Economic Development Corp.
- ✓ Longmont Economic Development Partnership
- ✓ Main Street Steamboat Springs
- ✓ Manufacturer's Edge
- ✓ Metro Denver Economic Development Corp.
- ✓ Montrose Economic Development Corp.
- ✓ Morgan Community College
- ✓ Northwest Colorado Council of Governments Economic Development District
- ✓ Northwest Loan Fund
- ✓ One Delta County
- ✓ Otero College
- ✓ Otero County
- ✓ Pagosa Springs Community Development Corp.
- ✓ Pikes Peak Workforce Center
- ✓ Prairie Development Corp.
- ✓ Prairie Rose Development Corp.
- ✓ Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado

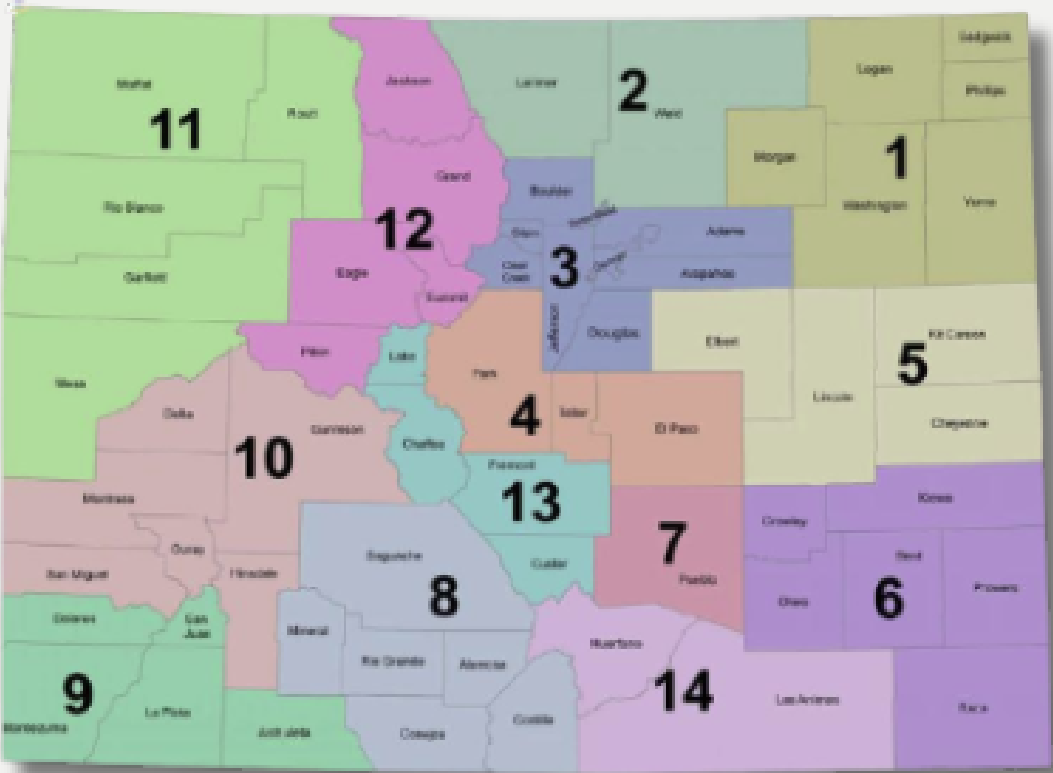
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- ✓ Region 10 League for Economic Assistance and Planning
- ✓ Rockies Venture Club
- ✓ Rocky Mountain Partnership Cradle to Career
- ✓ Rocky Mountain Workforce Development Association (RMWDA)
- ✓ Rural Opportunity Office, OEDIT
- ✓ Routt County Economic Development Partnership
- ✓ Routt County Government
- ✓ San Juan Development Association
- ✓ Southeast Colorado Enterprise Development, Inc.
- ✓ Southern Colorado Economic Development District
- ✓ Summit County Chamber of Commerce
- ✓ Summit Economic Partnership
- ✓ Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association
- ✓ Town of Firestone
- ✓ Upstate Colorado Economic Development
- ✓ Vail Valley Partnership
- ✓ Visit Boulder, the Convention and Visitors Bureau
- ✓ WeeCycle
- ✓ West End Economic Development Corporation
- ✓ Western Colorado Business Development Corp. dba. Business Incubator Center
- ✓ Western Grid Solar, Inc
- ✓ Wheat Ridge Economic Development



PART 2

THE REGIONAL CEDS PERSPECTIVE

REGION 3: DRCOG



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PART 3

THE NESTING ARCHITECTURE

The State's Integration & Visual Framework

Statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

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PART 4

THE INTEGRATION



2025 COLORADO
TALENT
PIPELINE
REPORT



Workforce & Multi-Agency Alignment



Q&A

We are here to answer your questions!

NEXT STEPS



- **Read Your Regional CEDS**
- **Verify Alignment**
- **Join the Conversation**
- **Sign the MOU**
- **Share Your Wins**



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