



Economic Development & Workforce Council Newsletter

2025 | June

Our Top Story

Preparing seasonal workforce and J1s for summer



EDWC will be hosting a welcome and learning reception to help Seasonal workforce and J1 students prepare for the summer tourist season

June 16th

TIME: 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m.

**LOCATION: Estes Valley Library
Hondius Room**

The event will include remarks and mini-presentations from community Leaders sharing general knowledge on Estes Park with both seasonal workforce and J1 students.

The session is designed to prepare our workforce to engage with our visitors and being able to answer questions about Estes Park.

[Register Today](#)

Upcoming EDWC Programs

The Chamber has created a new Construction Alliance

The first meeting will be on June 25th from 4:30p.m. - 6:00p.m. at The Lumpy Ridge Brewing Publick House

All leaders of businesses in or affiliated with the construction industry are invited to join the discussion!

CONSTRUCTION ALLIANCE KICK-OFF EVENT



Construction Alliance
Wednesday, June 25th 4:30 - 6:00 pm
@ Lumpy Ridge Brewing Co. Publick
House
203 Cleave St.

Register Today

Larimer County & Northern Colorado Latest

CAROL COCHRAN
Guest Speakers

DATE
JUNE 19, 2023

TIME
5:00 - 7:00 PM

LOCATION
HORSE & DRAGON BREWING CO.
124 RACQUETTE DR.
FORT COLLINS, CO

SPANISH INTERPRETATION AVAILABLE

City of Fort Collins

Tapping into Sustainability

Join us for an evening of connection and inspiration at Horse & Dragon Brewing Co! Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of the brewery's green practices, meet fellow business owners, and share ideas over a cold pint and delicious quesadillas from Maggie Tacos!

Thursday, June 19
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Horse & Dragon Brewing CO | 124
Racquette Dr, Fort Collins

You'll learn sustainability practices from a local sustainable business and discover how NOCOBiz Connect can help you get started or continue your journey!

Whether you're a seasoned sustainability champion or are just



Get Connected Stay Connected

LCEWD is committed to offering reliable, timely service to our customers.

Checkout our business resources:

- **NoCo Works** - A regional talent and workforce ecosystem across Northern Colorado, led by 25+ organizations in Larimer and Weld counties.
- **NoCo Inspire** can help develop a robust and qualified pipeline of candidates who meet your workforce needs.
- **NoCo REDI** Network is a collaborative partnership of economic and business development professionals throughout the Northern Colorado region of Larimer and Weld Counties.

Got questions? You can count on us to provide services by phone, email, and online.

Contact us:

Email: business@larimer.org

Phone: (970) 498-6665

getting started on your journey, this event is for you!

Spanish Interpretation and light dinner will be available.

[Learn More & Register](#)



Making your Business Sustainable

Join NOCOBiz Connect for "How to Make Your Business Sustainable", a practical morning workshop designed to help businesses reduce costs, improve efficiency, and adopt eco-friendly practices.

Learn simple, impactful strategies to make sustainability a part of your daily operations while attracting conscious customers and staying ahead of industry trends.

Plus, discover how joining NOCOBiz Connect—a free, bilingual city program—can provide you with resources, coaching, and a supportive network to help your business thrive sustainably! Spanish interpretation and a light breakfast will be provided!

This event is open to all ages and backgrounds!

Wednesday, July 9 · 8 - 9:30am MDT.
Doors at 7:45am

Benny's Tacos
535 Third Street Berthoud, CO 80513

[Learn More & Register](#)

[NoCo Works](#)

[NoCo Inspire](#)

[NoCo REDI](#)



Larimer County Faces a Budget Shortfall for Roads in 2027 *Help Inform the Path Forward*

Without New Revenue, Budget Cuts Will Directly Impact Needed

Transportation Projects

Residents across Larimer County would be impacted and we are asking for your input before any decisions are made.

- Cutting essential transportation projects would have both immediate and long term impacts on roads and bridges including cuts to safety, traffic mitigation, road improvements, etc.
- Collecting a new 0.15% sales tax would cost consumers 15 cents on a \$100 purchase (excluding groceries and certain other items)
 - Estimated to raise about \$15 million annually
 - Investing in improvements now saves on annual maintenance costs over time
 - This covers our immediate and priority needs through the next 25 years (2050)

[Share your thoughts](#)

Colorado State Updates



Help Shape Cybersecurity Training for Colorado Small Businesses

Participate in a brief interview or survey and help us create relevant online courses.

GET OUR SERVICES

The Colorado Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is creating online, on-demand cybersecurity courses designed specifically for Colorado's small businesses, and we need your expertise.

Your help will directly contribute to the development of practical training that addresses real-world cybersecurity challenges, environment, and understanding for small businesses. With your input, the Colorado SBDC will design and launch a business-essentials cybersecurity program complete with free, confidential one-on-one advising, no- or low-cost trainings.

SHARE YOUR INSIGHTS

Don't miss your chance. Responses will be accepted until June 30, 2025.

BRIEF SURVEY

Got 5-10 minutes? [Take our online survey](#). All data is confidential.

ONLINE ONE-ON-ONE

Schedule a 30-minute meeting to share your ideas and needs. [Sign up today](#).

WHY CYBERSECURITY IS IMPORTANT

- Protect business value
- Create a competitive advantage
- Protect your reputation
- Meet regulatory requirements

GOT QUESTIONS?
Christin Garcia, Technology Program Manager | 720-584-3245 | christin.garcia@state.co.us

sbdc.colorado.gov

Cybersecurity Training for CO Small Businesses

We're developing a new cybersecurity program to protect Colorado's small businesses and need your ideas and insights.

Your input will help us create relevant and effective training that:

- Protects your company's value
- Creates a competitive advantage
- Safeguards your reputation
- Meets regulations

Deadline: June 30, 2025

Questions? Contact Christin Garcia at 720-584-3245 or christin.garcia@state.co.us

[Learn More](#)



Skill Advance Colorado

Starting July 1, 2025, Colorado companies can apply for the **Skill Advance Colorado First and Existing Industry Job Training Grants**.

These grants can provide up to \$3,800 per learner for workforce training for both new hires and current employees. Jointly administered by the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade and the Colorado Community College System, these grants support workforce training for both new hires and current employees.

Businesses interested in applying for funding work directly with a local college representative, who assists with eligibility determination, training needs assessment, and grant application development. Training topics are customized to the individual business needs. Areas may include continuous improvement and quality, essential skills, leadership and management, manufacturing and computer/business skills.

[Learn More & Apply](#)



Colorado Workforce
Development Council

Future of Work Webinar Series

Colorado Employment Situation April 2025

According to the survey of households, the number of unemployed individuals increased by 2,100 to 158,700 from March to April.

Colorado's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged over the same time period at 4.8 percent.

The national unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.2 percent from March to April.

[Learn More](#)

Not able to join the Future of Work webinar on Artificial Intelligence (AI), Automation, and the Future of Work in Colorado?

Check out the slides and the recording of our discussion with experts from Jobs for the Future and BW Research Partnerships Inc at the links below

[Check out the slides](#)

[Watch the webinars](#)

EDWC Council Members

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