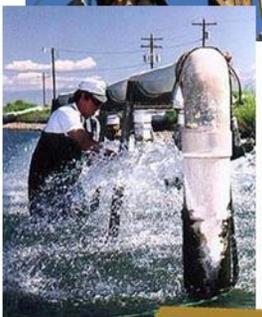


COLORADO JOBS CABINET

BUILDING A
COLORADO
WORKFORCE
FOR THE
21ST CENTURY



ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

WORKFORCE

TRAINING
EDUCATION

Joining
Together



COLORADO SUCCEEDS
BUSINESSES



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The Jobs Cabinet will work to align the state's economic development, workforce development, and education programs to develop a 21st century workforce that meets the evolving needs of industry in a competitive global economy. Special emphasis will be placed on key economic sectors that are projected to experience significant growth in the next decade, including bioscience, energy, tourism, aerospace, and technology and knowledge-based industries. Notwithstanding this emphasis, the Jobs Cabinet will consider the full range of training needs from jobs requiring little technical expertise to jobs requiring advanced degrees or highly specialized skills.

Implementing the vision for the Jobs Cabinet will be the responsibility of a group of senior business and education leaders from around the state. They will also work with the Governor's P-20 Council as well as key members of Governor Ritter's administration, including:

David Skaggs

Executive Director

Department of Higher Education

Don Elliman

Executive Director

Office of Economic Development & International Trade

Don Mares

Executive Director

Department of Labor and Employment

Susan Kirkpatrick

Executive Director

Department of Local Affairs

Rico Munn

Executive Director

Department of Regulatory Agencies

COLORADO JOBS CABINET MISSION STATEMENT

The Colorado Jobs Cabinet was a centerpiece of Governor Ritter's campaign. The vision for a Jobs Cabinet was set forth in the "Colorado Promise".

"Our ability to grow the economy, support businesses, and create quality jobs hinges on the knowledge and productivity of our people. ...

As Governor, I will create a Colorado Jobs Cabinet as part of the Executive Branch. The Colorado Jobs Cabinet will be composed of senior business leaders and representatives from public and higher education, economic development, and workforce development. The Jobs Cabinet will align the state's economic development and education goals with funding and strategies for preparing a modern labor force."

TALKING POINTS

Three Priorities

#1 The Jobs Cabinet will work directly with *local and regional partners* to ensure that training programs are developed, delivered, and readily available, and that regional development strategies support statewide economic development goals

#2 The Jobs Cabinet will provide a mechanism for *employers to have a voice in:*

- the design and implementation of educational improvement strategies.
- the introduction and recognition of best practices.
- facilitating increased corporate financial and knowledge contributions.

#3 The Jobs Cabinet will oversee the implementation of *web-based tools* to offer information more effectively about workforce training and certificate programs available throughout the state. We will use the *Internet* to provide information to employees and employers to enhance their efforts in career and business growth.

The Jobs Cabinet will be staffed out of the Governor's office and provide regular reports directly to the Governor that document its regional recommendations to improve alignment between training programs and industry needs. At the end of two years, the Jobs Cabinet will conduct a self-assessment and make recommendations on the best method to advance its missions in the future.