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OWENS APPOINTS GRICE DIRECTOR OF LABOR; BOLIN AS HEAD OF OFFICE OF ENERGY MANAGEMENT

(DENVER) - Gov. Bill Owens today announced the appointment of Rick Grice as executive director of the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. Grice presently serves as director of the Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation. He will succeed Leroy Williams who is leaving the Labor Department to take a position in the private sector.

Owens also announced that Drew Bolin will be the new director of the Office of Energy Management. Bolin currently is the director of Business Development for the Governor's Office of Economic Development and International Trade. He previously served as deputy director of the International Trade Office.

"Rick and Drew have served in key positions in my administration since the day I took office. They bring a high level of expertise and commitment to their new assignments and will serve the people of Colorado well," Owens said.

Grice has been executive director of the Office of Energy Management since January 1999. Prior to that appointment, he was a principal in the firm of Douglas, Richmond and Grice, consulting in the areas of environmental engineering and air pollution control. He is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Business Administration with a degree in Personnel Management.

Before coming to the Office of Economic Development in 1999, Bolin was International Operations Agent for Current, Inc. based in Colorado Springs. He also is an adjunct professor at the University of Denver's University College graduate program. Bolin has a Masters degree in International Business from the California School of International Management and a BA in Business Management from the University of Colorado.

The Colorado Department of Labor is responsible for providing workers' compensation benefits, workforce development, unemployment insurance and the administration and enforcement of Colorado's labor laws.

The Office of Energy Management is the state's lead agency in promoting energy conservation through such programs as recycling, composting and the development of emerging energy technologies such as micro turbines, fuel cells, biomass and biofuels.

Both appointments are effective June 1. The outgoing director of the Labor Department, Leroy Williams, is joining Ball Corporation as Vice President of Information Systems.

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