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PUEBLO WORKFORCE CENTER TO HOLD RESOURCE EVENT FOR JOB SEEKERS ON NOVEMBER 21

Event is designed to help workers better maneuver their job search

(PUEBLO) -- The Pueblo Workforce Center and Pueblo Workforce Board are hosting an event entitled *Pueblo is Open for Business* on Monday, November 21, from 12 Noon to 4:00 pm at the Pueblo Convention Center, 320 Central Main Street. This first-of-its-kind event is designed for job seekers to learn more about local companies, the skills those businesses are looking for and how to become more competitive in a very competitive job market.

Department of Labor and Employment Executive Director Ellen Golombek says the event will be helpful on a number of fronts. “More than 7,180 people in the Pueblo area are currently unemployed and the unemployment rate in Pueblo county is 9.4 percent,” she says. “This unique resource fair will help people put a plan in place for the future. In partnership with business and higher education, we will provide strategies for improving job seekers’ chances of getting back to work.”

Among the businesses scheduled to participate are EVRAZ Rocky Mountain Steel Mills, Vestas, Bechtel/URS, the Southern Delivery Service Water Pipeline Project, Parkview Medical Center, Receivable Management Services and the Colorado Department of Corrections. Each company will make a presentation followed by a question and answer session. Companies ready to hire will also provide information about their application process.

Training providers such as Pueblo Community College, Colorado State University at Pueblo and the Southern Colorado Educational Opportunity Center will have information about the various training programs they provide. Pueblo Workforce Center staff will provide additional

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information about the Pueblo job market, job search tips and the variety of employment and training services available to adults and youth.

This event will be attended by U.S. Congressman Scott Tipton, State Representative Keith Swerdfeger and other elected officials as part on their ongoing efforts to “put Southern Colorado back to work.” For additional information about Pueblo is Open for Business, please contact Pueblo Workforce Center at 719-562-3742.

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