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## **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH TO OFFER EVENTS AND INITIATIVES TO MOVE COLORADO FORWARD**

### *Pueblo Workforce Center to offer orientation for new customers*

(DENVER) -- Governor John Hickenlooper has declared September as Workforce Development Month in Colorado.

During the next four weeks, state and county run employment offices called Workforce Centers will partner with the Department of Labor and Employment to spotlight a variety of services and resources available to the state's 2.7 million men and women in the state's labor force and the 170,000 Colorado businesses that hire them.

Workforce Development Month began modestly in 2004 with a handful of events. Now in its tenth year, the annual series of events has grown to include a wide array of workshops, open houses, hiring events, employer seminars and online features.

Throughout September, Colorado's state and county-run Workforce Centers will be teaming with the Department of Labor and Employment to provide a variety of special activities. On September 4 and again on September 11 from 2:30 to 4 PM, the Pueblo Workforce Center will present a Workforce Center Orientation for job seekers.

Staff will show participants how a variety of free programs and services can help them make a career decision and build effective job search skills. Also showcased will be the special programs that can provide assistance with training to job seekers who are already in school.

To register for the orientation program, call 719-562-3731 or visit the Pueblo Workforce Center at 212 West 3rd Street in Pueblo.

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It is a time to focus on creating a stronger and more competitive Colorado. In his proclamation, Governor Hickenlooper notes that as the economic recovery gains traction, “workers, students, learning institutions, government agencies and employers be united to meet current and future labor needs by promoting communication and collaboration and offering educational opportunities to address the challenges ahead.”

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