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WALSENBURG WORKFORCE CENTER TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Walsenburg Workforce Center to offer an Open House on September 27

(DENVER) -- Governor John Hickenlooper has declared September as Workforce Development Month in Colorado. As part of the month of activities, the Walsenburg Workforce Center at 928 Russell will hold an Open House to showcase the wide array of services available to job seekers and employers.

During month, state and county run employment offices called Workforce Centers are partnering with the Department of Labor and Employment to spotlight the wide array of services and resources they make 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.

The Open House on September 27 will be an opportunity to tell visitors about the variety of free programs and services that can help job seekers connect with employers and build effective job search skills. Employers can also learn how the Walsenburg Workforce Center can help them in staffing their business and strengthening their competitiveness.

And the Open House is not intended solely for new customers, says Employment and Training Specialist Joan Hatcher. "The Open House is also a way to thank the job seekers and employers who have utilized our services in the past. We want to thank the community for their support for so many years."

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Workforce Development Month 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.”

For more information about the Walsenburg Open House, contact Joan Hatcher at 719-738-2372.

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