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Dear Noelle,

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Education & Workforce Advisory Council Meeting. The event was a great success as we were able to gather regional consensus on our workforce current efforts and future goals. NCEDC's involvement in this initiative has always been one of supporting our region's economy. By having the right education programs for our workforce we are better able to attract and keep primary employers in our region. Without this initiative, it will be hard to be competitive with other regions.

Here is a snapshot of the day for those of you unable to attend: Maury Dobbie, NCEDC President & CEO, gave a brief history of the Northern Colorado Workforce Initiative's. Followed by Yvonne Myers on the role of the Workforce Investment Board and funding. Kathy Gilliland, Director of the Northern Colorado Workforce Initiative, spoke about the achievements to date which led into the results of a clean energy workforce survey created and assessed by Kathy Gilliland and Martin Shields, our Regional Economist.

A historic collaboration announcement was made by four of our region's most prominent educational institutes: Aims Community College, Colorado State University, Front Range Community College, University of Northern Colorado. [Click here to see the press release on our website.](#)

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Job Opportunity:

Director, Office of Economic Development for Colorado State University
 CSU's Office of Economic Development is seeking an experienced professional to serve as Director for Northern Colorado. The ideal candidate will have strong community and business relationship skills, ability to work across multiple units at CSU, have deep knowledge of Northern Colorado community goals and be able to forge productive relationships across these constituents.

The day wrapped up with Susan Kirkpatrick, Executive Director of Colorado's Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) giving a presentation on "Creating a Common Vision and Goals for our Northern Colorado Workforce".

"Employers do not recognize county or state lines when it comes to finding a highly educated and skilled workforce", notes Kathy Gilliland "We are focusing on workforce issues at a regional level because it affects us all."

2nd Annual CSU Regional Economic Summit & Forecast

October 1st, 2008

(early registration ends Sept. 26th)

The Marriot Hotel Fort Collins

In today's economy, a skilled workforce is essential for regions to remain globally competitive. This year's Regional Economic Summit and Forecast is set up to inform you about strategies for strengthening our most valuable asset... our people.

Don't forget to join our insightful panel as we discuss workforce and education issues that will affect us all in the coming year.

Panelists include:

Dr. Phyllis Resnick, Principal Economist,
Center for Colorado's Economic Future, University of Denver

Dr. James Butzek, Vice President Larimer Campus,
Front Range Community College

Dr. Tony Frank, Provost and Senior Vice President,
Colorado State University

Tom Gendron, Chairman of the Board and CEO, Woodward

Jenna Langer, Chief Operating Officer, CSU-Global Campus

Glenn Wilson, Fort Collins Brewery Plant Manager, Anheuser-Busch

Dr. Jerry Wilson, Superintendent of Schools, Poudre School District

Click here to register now or
visit www.regonline.com/08EconomicSummit!

NCEDC's 2008 Annual Luncheon

October 22nd, 2008

The Ranch Loveland

Please join us on October 22nd, 2008 where we will share results of the past year, economic trends,

Full job description can be found at <http://jobs.colostate.edu> (under Admin Pro Employment, VP Outreach and Strategic Partnerships). CSU is an EO/AA employer.

Campaign Status Report Luncheon

September 29th

Noon - 1:30 PM

Loveland Chamber of Commerce
Lunch Provided

Discussing the campaign, polling, strategy and messaging and how Northern Colorado business leaders can engage in this critically important effort.

Please join the NCLA and Coloradoans for Responsible Reform for this important conversation. This is a non-partisan issue that affects business.

The NCLA will also provide a brief overview and status report of the other pending ballot initiatives affecting business on November's ballot.

our regional economist reports and future goals that will impact you and your community. We welcome our partners, investors, council members, friends and anyone who is interested in the economic vitality of Northern Colorado.

[Click here to register now or visit www.regonline.com/08NCEDCLuncheon!](http://www.regonline.com/08NCEDCLuncheon)

Clean Energy Conference

Oct 21, 2008 - Ft. Collins, CO
Innovate NOW.

"Do you know what my favorite renewable fuel is? An ecosystem for innovation." -- Thomas L. Friedman, 2008

Learn how communities have used their public, private and academic resources in human capital, technical advancement, business innovation and financial support to create robust local clean energy economies.

www.CleanEnergyConference.com

President's Leadership Program Leadership Intern Program 2008-09 Academic Year

Supported by NCEDC

Colorado State University, the Northern Colorado Economic Development Corporation, the Northern Colorado Workforce Initiative, and UniverCity Connections are collaborating to develop tomorrow's leaders through a leadership intern program. Participating students are members of the CSU President's Leadership Program (PLP), a selective, credit-based leadership development program for undergraduate students. Established in 1989, the President's Leadership Program teaches critical skills such as effective communication, collaboration, ethical behavior, and problem solving. The internship will provide talented students the opportunity to study leadership in action, fulfill real needs in local businesses and non-profit organizations, and serve their community. The issues of poverty and sustainability have been selected as the primary focus areas of the leadership intern program, but students' interests will dictate their internship placements.

Program Structure

Participating students will be enrolled in IU 270: Leadership Styles I (fall) and IU 271: Leadership Styles II (spring). Each course is two credits.

In the fall semester, students will prepare for the internship experience through in-class trainings on resume writing, interviewing, and professional etiquette.

*They will read texts about leadership in the context of the work environment (e.g., *The Leadership Challenge*:*

How to get extraordinary things done in organizations by Kouzes and Posner), study organizational culture and communication, and analyze case studies.

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Additionally, students will identify and interview with internship sites and create a learning contract with their internship supervisors.

In the spring semester, students will volunteer as interns for an average of 8-10 hours per week for twelve weeks, meeting every other week in the classroom to process their internship experience and connect it to in-class learning. The final product of the internship will be a portfolio that includes a ten-page critical reflection paper analyzing the experience, an assessment of the student's performance by the internship supervisor, an assessment of the internship site by the student, and examples of work performed by the student. Seventy percent of the student's internship grade will be determined by the internship supervisor.

Internship Expectations

Students will volunteer 8-10 hours per week for twelve weeks, assisting with a variety of tasks that range from basic office work to more complex project coordination. The PLP coordinator, Alexis Kanda-Olmstead, will serve as the point of contact for internship development and will provide information to both internship sites and students. Although no guarantee is made to either the student or internship site, every effort will be made to match a student with an internship. Should a student not secure an internship with a community business or non-profit, she/he will be matched with an office on campus.

The internship site is responsible for creating a brief job description, interviewing students, and developing a learning contract in collaboration with PLP and the student. Additionally, the internship supervisors will meet once per week with the student intern, create opportunities for the intern to observe leadership in practice, and participate in the evaluation process.

For More Information

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Your friends at
Northern Colorado Economic Development Corporation

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