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Arapahoe/Douglas Works! brings home a national excellence award

Stakeholders honored for success in community programs, engaging businesses and service to citizens

Littleton, Colo. – The National Association of Workforce Boards, the membership organization and advocate for more than 550 workforce investment boards nationwide and their network of America's Job Centers, has awarded Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Investment Board, the governing force of Arapahoe/Douglas Works! workforce centers with the 2015 Workforce Investment Board Excellence Award in Washington D.C. last month.

As a service to all citizens who seek employment assistance with one of the four A/DWorks! workforce centers in Arapahoe and Douglas counties, the Workforce Investment Board proved its strategic community workforce solutions go above and beyond the Workforce Investment Act, where Americans are provided access to tools to find jobs and U.S. companies are provided assistance in finding skilled workers. The excellence award recognizes that Arapahoe/Douglas Works! demonstrates an ongoing ability to maintain a skilled workforce, design successful education and training programs and ensure that businesses have the talent they need to remain competitive.

"This award signifies our continuous standard of excellence in service to the citizens who come to A/DWorks! from all over the Denver metro," said Arapahoe County Commissioner Nancy Jackson. "Members of the Workforce Investment Board strive to support a skilled workforce by using labor market data and providing training to help our job seekers find better jobs that can lead to better lives."

A/DWorks! is a publicly funded workforce center that has helped 16,628 people find employment during its program year, July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Of those, 15,965 were still working six months later, and they earned an average \$49,302 per year. Citizens who did not use a workforce center in their job search earned an average of \$13,824 less – nearly one-third less than A/DWorks! customers. See below for the Center's sixth annual economic impact report release.

The Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Investment Board was recognized at the National Association of Workforce Boards Annual Forum, March 28 – 31, 2015 in Washington D.C.

"We are proud of the dedicated work our Workforce Investment Board members have put in to help boost our local economy," said Comcast Business Channel Lead and Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Investment Board Chair Andrew Bercich. "This board is made up of representatives from some of the leading businesses and industries in the region who know how to build a strong and competitive workforce because they themselves look for candidates equipped with a good work ethic, academic proficiency and occupational specific talent to work for them."

Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Investment Board meets every other month. To learn more about the board and A/DWorks! visit www.adworks.org.

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To download photos of the awards event, click the link:

<ftp://ftp.arapahoegov.com/Pub/Communication%20Services/Photos/ADWorks/WIB%20award/>

Arapahoe/Douglas Works! sixth annual economic impact report release:

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