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## **Bigger paychecks for jobseekers hired through Arapahoe/Douglas Works!** *Earnings of \$13,824 more per year than those who didn't use the Workforce Center*

**Centennial, Colo.** – Arapahoe/Douglas Works! continues to set records, getting more people hired than last year and working steady jobs. Job seekers who found employment using the workforce center earned nearly one-third more per year than those who did not, according to the Center's sixth annual economic impact report.

The publicly funded workforce center helped 16,628 people to 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. In contrast, State labor statistics show citizens who did not use a workforce center in their job search earned an average of \$35,478 per year – a difference of \$13,824 and nearly one-third less than A/D Works! customers.

"Arapahoe/Douglas Works! wants job seekers to reach their full potential and to find not just any job, but a job with a career path and livable wage," said Arapahoe County Commissioner Nancy Jackson. "Seeking help from the workforce center will better prepare and market individuals through no-cost tools, counseling, events and training opportunities."

No-cost services at A/D Works! include employment workshops, career counseling, networking and hiring events, career and personality assessments, intensive job-search support, special programs for youth and job seekers 50 and older, certifications, GED preparation and training.

"We are thrilled to show our community that more people employed through A/D Works! are still employed six months later," said Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Investment Board Vice Chair and Business Channel Lead at Comcast Andrew Bercich. "Being able to get job seekers back to work and payback taxpayers in less than one year is one way we demonstrate how workforce investment works."

A/D Works! determined the 15,965 customers still working six months later added a value of \$220.7 million to the local economy – funds that are invested in the communities in the form of increased spending on goods and services. For every \$1 spent by the workforce center on its programs and operations, \$24.66 was returned to the economy through these increased earnings.

A/D Works! published these outcomes in a report titled [Economic Impact of Workforce Center Operations – July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014](#). The workforce center has published studies of its economic impact and return on public investment annually since 2008 at the request of its Workforce Investment Board, a group of private business and public leaders who influence workforce development in Arapahoe and Douglas counties.

To learn more about Arapahoe/Douglas Works! employment services for job-seekers and businesses, please visit [www.adworks.org](http://www.adworks.org) or call 303-636-1160.

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**To download photos of the workforce center, click the link:**

<ftp://ftp.arapahoegov.com/Pub/Communication%20Services/Photos/ADWorks%20Economic%20Report%202014/>

**Description:** Arapahoe/Douglas Works! has workforce center locations in Centennial, Castle Rock and Aurora.