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Arapahoe/Douglas Works! recognized nationally for best practices

Workforce Economist receives the Sar Levitan Advancing the Research Agenda Award

Littleton, Colo. – Patrick Holwell, Workforce Economist at Arapahoe/Douglas Works, received the *Sar Levitan Advancing the Research Agenda* award from the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals. The award recognizes individuals whose work has enhanced workforce practices and professional standards through research and evaluation.

Holwell was nominated by national peers, who reviewed the body of his research and determined that his innovative applied research practices have contributed to the recognition of Arapahoe/Douglas Works! as one of the preeminent workforce development program in the United States, as well as advancing the workforce development system as a whole.

“It was a great personal honor to receive the Sar Levitan award,” said Holwell. “Arapahoe/Douglas Works! has always stressed managing by fact using the best data possible. Our approach to applied research has elevated the value of sophisticated labor market research to the national level, therefore changing the dialogue around the tremendous economic value workforce development adds to communities across the United States.”

The relevance and quality of Holwell’s work has allowed Arapahoe/Douglas Works! to participate in strong regional partnerships, which include sister workforce development regions, economic development organizations, chambers of commerce, educators, industry associations, site selectors and business leaders.

“Patrick Holwell provides economic information in a way that is not only useful but also interesting,” said Arapahoe County Commissioner Nancy Jackson. “His enthusiasm for data is contagious and he is quite simply, a great public servant.”

The National Association of Workforce Development Professionals advocates for the workforce industry and develops the professional capacity of workforce professionals seeking the highest standards of excellence in credentialing, applied learning opportunities and cutting-edge tools to excel in serving job seekers and business.

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Photo description: Reginna Z. Ford, NAWDP Awards Committee Chair presents award to Patrick Holwell.

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