

# Workforce Development Initiative

Sept. 18-19, 2017  
Denver, Colorado



## COLORADO WORKSHOP

### Monday, September 18

11:30 am

Lunch

11:45 am

**Welcome**

James D. Ogsbury, WGA Executive Director

11:50 am

**Introductory Remarks**

Colorado **Governor John Hickenlooper** and South Dakota **Governor Dennis Daugaard**

12:30 pm

**Keynote: Best Practices from Abroad Brought to the USA**

The path to success has many beginnings and they don't all start with a University degree. **Ambassador Suzi** and **Eric LeVine** have seen this up close during their time serving our country in Switzerland and Liechtenstein. They will share their knowledge of the Swiss apprenticeship model as well as insights into its applicability to the United States and how it is being adapted and adopted here.

1:30 pm

Break

1:45 pm

**Roundtable I: The Role of States in Strengthening Industry Leadership for Talent**

Representatives from Washington, Oregon and Utah will discuss how their states are bringing industry to the table and leveraging state resources for workforce development.

- **John Aultman**, Senior Policy Advisor, Workforce Development, Office of Governor Jay Inslee
- **Shalee Hodgson**, System Alignment Manager, Oregon Employment Department
- **Tami Pyfer**, Education Advisor, Office of Utah Governor Gary Herbert

3:00 pm

**Case Study: Colorado's Model for Public-Private Partnerships**

This case study discussion, moderated by **Stephanie Veck**, Colorado Workforce Development Council will provide the how and why of setting up successful public-private partnerships. Panelists will represent Colorado sector partnerships for healthcare and manufacturing.

4:00 pm

**Break**

4:15 pm

**Roundtable II: Industry-Led Workforce Development Initiatives**

States and industry representatives will provide examples of successful workforce development initiatives that have been driven by businesses or industry.

Moderator: **Ellen Golombek**, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

- **Noel Ginsburg**, Founding Executive Board Chair, CareerWise Colorado
- **Carla Gatzke**, VP of Human Resources, Daktronics
- **Heather Terenzio**, Co-founder & CEO, Tectonic Group

5:30 – 6:30 pm

**Reception**

**Tuesday, September 19**

7:30 am

**Breakfast**

**8:30 am**

**Roundtable III: Aligning Education and Training with Industry Defined Competencies**

Panelists will explore the use of industry defined competencies to develop meaningful education and training and efforts to encourage employers to hire based on those defined skills.

- **Beth Cobert**, CEO, Skillful
- **Mary LeFebvre**, Senior Research Scientist-Workforce Policy, ACT
- **Andrew Fitzpatrick**, Director Global Policy, Walmart

**9:45 am**

**Break**

**10:00 am**

**Looking Around the Curve**

**Josh Davies**, Center for Work Ethic Development

A discussion that will examine how employment has changed throughout history and how it will change in the future. Topics will include the impact of automation, the rising role of competency-based education and training, and the importance of partnering with industry.

**11:15 am**

**Closing Remarks**

**11:30 am**

**Adjourn**