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Arapahoe/Douglas Works! helps 110 find employment at 35 hiring events *Workforce center brings together job-seekers and businesses in early 2013*

Centennial, Colo. – The Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Workforce Center hosted 35 customized hiring events for local businesses in January and February. More than 600 job-seekers attended these events, and 110 people were hired by the companies.

“As the economy slowly recovers, the Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Workforce Center has ramped up its efforts to help metro-area employers recruit talent and fill positions,” said Arapahoe County Commissioner Bill Holen. “Dozens of businesses are using the public workforce center’s services to plan and market hiring events, where recruiters can interview candidates efficiently and offer jobs on the spot.”

Arapahoe/Douglas Works! customized hiring events in early 2013 for Aerotek, Centura Health, Comcast, Dish Network, Elavon, First Transit, Frontier Airlines, Jeppesen, Kolbe Striping, Lowe’s, Marriott, Marshalls, Safeway, TWTelecom and Wells Fargo. The workforce center also invited businesses to the Military and Veterans Employment Expo on Jan. 18, which was attended by more than 1,000 National Guard members, reservists, veterans and spouses.

“The Arapahoe/Douglas Works! workforce center has gone above and beyond to help make us successful in Centennial. With their customized hiring events, we have been able to extend offers the day of the event and been able to start them [employees] the same week,” said Peter Hancock, Account Executive with Aerotek, which hired 21 employees at its Jan. 30 hiring event.

Hiring events are just one of many no-cost services offered by Arapahoe/Douglas Works! to connect businesses with qualified job-seekers. The workforce center exists to help identify a competitive workforce in the region, which also helps businesses keep their recruitment costs low.

The workforce center can also help businesses write effective job listings, and post jobs on ConnectingColorado.com, the workforce system’s statewide database of jobs. The Business Development Team can search the database for registered job-seekers who meet a business’ qualifications, and then send automated emails to candidates about job openings or hiring events.

Arapahoe/Douglas Works! also can help to pre-screen candidates for positions and set up interviews before a hiring event. The workforce center has private interview rooms and large spaces for hiring events that are available to businesses at no cost. It also offers skills and personality assessments to ensure that a job-seeker is a good fit for the business.

“Within days of our visit, over 150 targeted resumes were collected, screened and delivered to us for our open positions,” said Nicole Sandoval, HR Manager with Pulte Mortgage, which used the workforce center for employment services in 2012. “I will absolutely continue to utilize A/D Works! as a primary, free source and will continue to encourage all of my professional associates to do so as well.”

Arapahoe/Douglas Works continued to offer more hiring events in March for Advantage Sales & Marketing, American Automation, Aerotek, Comcast, Dish Network, Golden Harmony, Sprint, TransFirst, Western Summit, Wells Fargo and Trillium. The workforce center organized a job fair March 9 in Aurora for 15 employers that was attended by more than 250 job-seekers. More events are planned in April.

To learn about Arapahoe/Douglas Works!, to request business services or to register for a hiring event, please visit www.adworks.org or call 303-636-1160.

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HiringEvent2013.jpeg: A job-seeker speaks with a hiring representative with United Natural Foods, Inc. at a job fair in Aurora hosted by the Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Workforce Center.