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ANNOUNCING: Future of Work — Looking Around Corners

Save the date for Wednesday, May 7, 2025, to join COBRT for a dynamic half-day event featuring insights from top global employers on navigating workforce transformation and staying ahead of the curve. Future of Work: Looking Around Corners will explore where work is headed, the evolving skills landscape, and cutting-edge strategies to build a resilient and competitive workforce.

Don't miss this opportunity to gain expert perspectives and actionable strategies to prepare for the future! Stay tuned for event details and registration, launching March 17.

If you're interested in sponsoring the event or reserving a full table, please [view sponsorship opportunities here](#) and email contact@cobrt.com for more.

FUTURE OF WORK
Looking Around Corners
Insights from global employers on navigating workforce transformation

Wednesday, May 7, 2025
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm • Empower Field at Mile High

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The poster features a futuristic, glowing blue and white tunnel with a bright light at the end. Silhouettes of several people, including some in hard hats and safety vests, are walking through the tunnel. The floor is covered in binary code (0s and 1s). The Colorado Business Roundtable logo is in the bottom left corner.

Welcoming New Colorado Business Roundtable Board Members

We're excited to welcome six outstanding leaders to the Colorado Business Roundtable Board of Directors! Representing business, education, finance, and aerospace, they bring valuable expertise to help strengthen Colorado's economy and foster collaboration. Join us in welcoming Kate Corkery Hague (Fidelity Investments), Dr. Kenneth Christensen (CU

Denver), Dr. Jeremy Haefner (DU), Darren Lemkau (Commerce Bank), Dr. Dave Young (Lockheed Martin), and Darius Wise (Red Rocks Credit Union)!



Introducing New Additions to Colorado Business Roundtable's BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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ICYMI: COBRT February Policy Pillar Meetings



In our latest Colorado Business Roundtable Policy Pillar Meeting, we heard from expert speakers on key issues shaping Colorado's economy. **Mike Murphy**, SVP & Chief of Staff for the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, provided a deep dive into the national debt and economic outlook. **Peter LiFari**, CEO of Maiker Housing Partners & Housing Fellow at Common Sense Institute Colorado, addressed housing affordability, highlighting the need for increased zoned capacity and the impact of regulatory barriers on growth. **Adam Burg**, Policy Advisor, and **Amelia Stefan**, Counsel at Foster Graham

Milstein & Calisher LLP, discussed construction defects legislation and its implications for housing access.

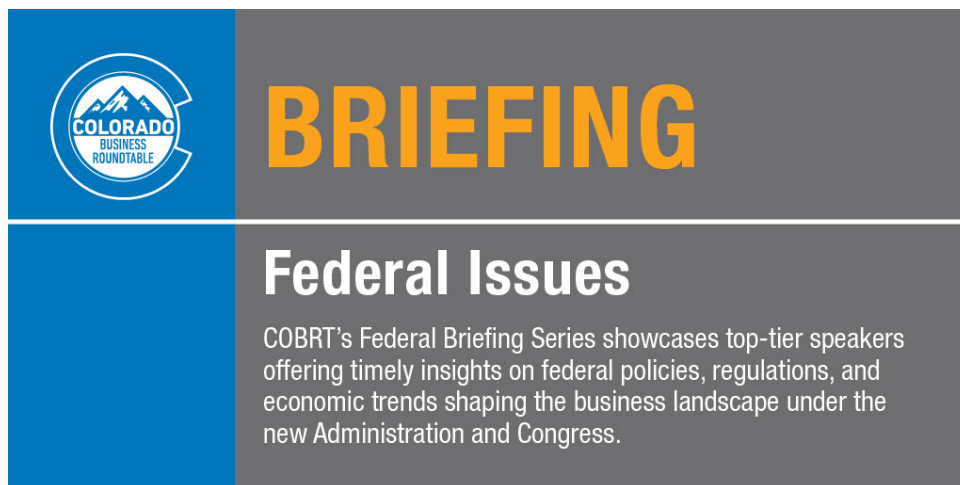
On workforce challenges, **Tamra Ryan**, CEO of Women's Bean Project & Coors Economic Mobility Fellow at Common Sense Institute Colorado, shared insights on economic mobility, the Labor Peace Act, and the \$3.7B impact of childcare shortages. **Alison Griffin**, Senior Advisor at Whiteboard Advisors, provided an overview of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and its future. Lastly, **Heidi Williams**, President & CEO of the Metro Mayors Caucus, outlined key legislative priorities for 38 Front Range mayors.

Thank you to all who joined us for this impactful discussion! COBRT Partners have access to these Policy Pillar meetings quarterly.

COBRT Federal Briefing Series

Over the past several months, COBRT has kicked off a new Zoom briefing series with our partners featuring speakers briefing our network on federal issues of top importance. Amid rapid changes from the new Administration and Congress, COBRT has already facilitated briefings with staff of U.S. Senator Hickenlooper, leadership of the national Business Roundtable and policy experts with the National Immigration Council.

COBRT Partners can stay tuned for briefings in the coming months from Congressional members and staff, the White House, and other experts on policy and practices emerging from Washington, D.C.



The graphic features a blue and grey color scheme. On the left, there is a circular logo for the Colorado Business Roundtable with a mountain range inside. To the right of the logo, the word "BRIEFING" is written in large, bold, orange letters. Below this, the words "Federal Issues" are written in white, bold letters. Underneath "Federal Issues", there is a short paragraph of text in white: "COBRT's Federal Briefing Series showcases top-tier speakers offering timely insights on federal policies, regulations, and economic trends shaping the business landscape under the new Administration and Congress."

In the News

Colorado Politics

EXCLUSIVE: Colorado lawmakers to tackle affordable condo construction issues

By Marianne Goodland

It's viewed as the "third rail" in affordable housing — the one path lawmakers have feared to tread. Not this year. A bill expected to be introduced takes a new approach to the challenges surrounding condominium construction, and its sponsors hope to avoid the battles between homebuilders and trial lawyers that have perennially erupted for years.

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Denver construction giant's \$9.2 billion sale approved, company to delist

By Jackson Guilfoil

Shareholders of the Denver-based concrete mining behemoth Summit Materials Inc. on Wednesday approved the company's \$9.2 billion sale in a cash deal that will delist the company from a public stock exchange.

Summit Materials will be bought by Atlanta-based Quikrete Holdings Inc., a privately held, massive concrete company. When the deal closes — expected by the end of next month — Summit Material's common stock will be removed from the New York Stock Exchange.

Summit Materials' board approved the sale in November after weeks of talks between the companies. [READ MORE](#)

Podcast

New Episode!

A Look Inside One of Colorado's Iconic Companies featuring David Coors

From the storied history of Coors to the rise of Coors Spirits Co., **David Coors**, Executive Chair of Coors Spirits Co. and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, shares insights on his career, industry trends, and the family's deep commitment to Colorado's business and civic community.

Tune in as Colorado Business Roundtable President Debbie Brown hosts this fascinating conversation—plus, hear the amusing backstory behind the creation of Blue Moon!



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Upcoming Events



Citizens for Space Exploration
Aerospace Day at the Colorado Capitol
 Monday, March 17, 2025 at 9:00am

Join the Colorado Citizens for Space Exploration (CSE), Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT), Colorado Business Roundtable (COBRT), Aerospace States' Association (ASA), Colorado Space Coalition (CSC), AIAA Rocky Mountain Section, and Colorado Space Business Roundtable (CSBR) in coordination with our numerous aerospace partner organizations, for a day at the Colorado State Capitol.

Enjoy a full day of networking and dialogue with our Colorado Legislators discussing how Colorado became one of the largest space economies per capita in our nation and how they can effectively support aerospace in our state.

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**WORLD
 TRADE
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World Trade Day 2025

Thursday, May 22, 2025

World Trade Day, hosted by the World Trade Center Denver and presented by United Airlines is a dynamic annual event dedicated to celebrating and promoting international trade and its myriad benefits. This event brings together a diverse mix of professionals, industry leaders, and government representatives to explore the latest trends, challenges, and opportunities in global commerce. World Trade Day is not just an event; it's a platform where ideas are exchanged, networks are expanded, and participants gain invaluable insights into the evolving landscape of international trade.

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Get Involved

Colorado Business Roundtable engages with elected officials, business and nonprofit leaders, and other strategic allies to strengthen Colorado's economic vitality by unapologetically amplifying the voice of business in Colorado. Inquire at contact@cobrt.com for partnership opportunities.



Colorado Business Roundtable (COBRT) leverages the experience of executives from Colorado's leading employers representing academia, business, community, and government. Together, we examine state challenges through a long-term, global lens, and we bring forward solutions to strengthen Colorado's economy and improve quality of life.

COBRT is the state affiliate of the Business Roundtable, an association of chief executive officers of leading U.S. companies working to promote sound public policy and a thriving U.S. economy. Learn more and get engaged at cobrt.com.



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