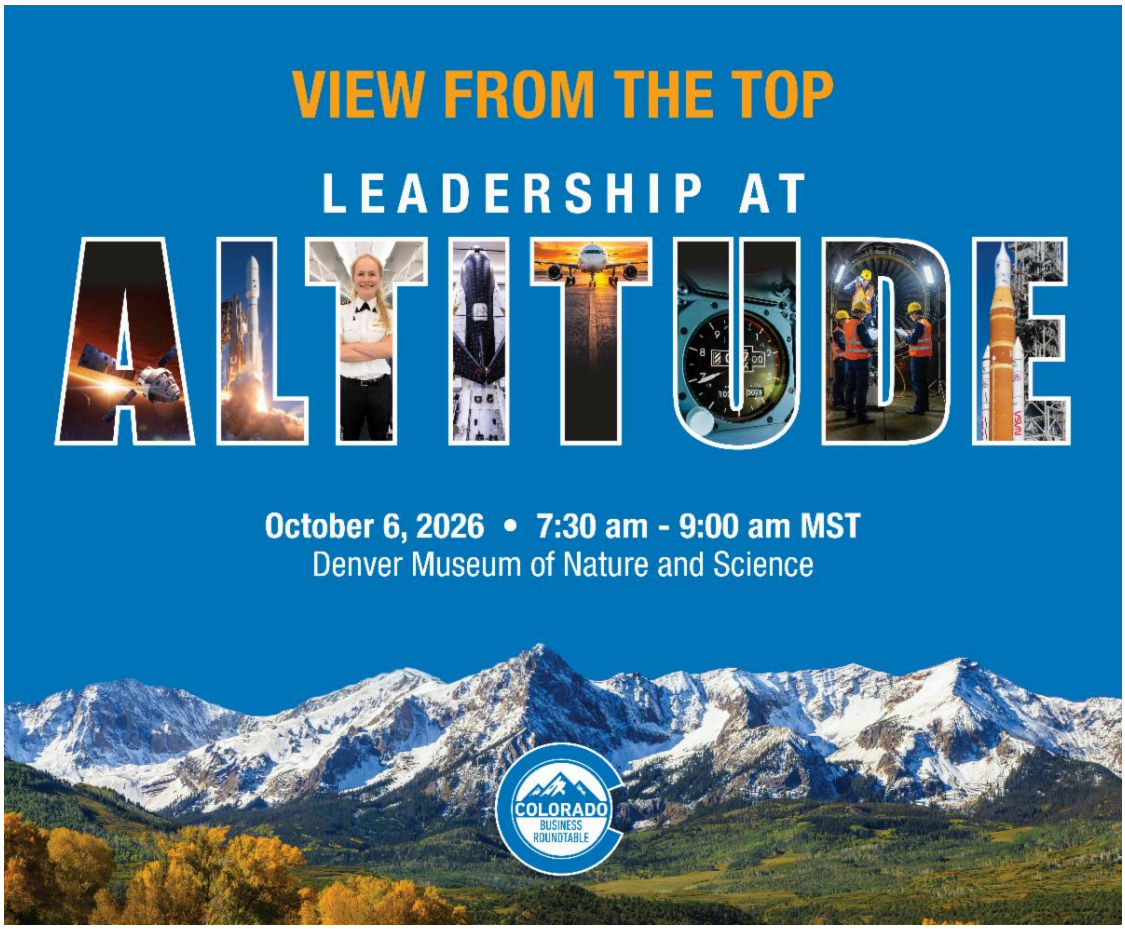
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Colorado Business Roundtable Presents

View from the Top: Leadership at Altitude

Tuesday, October 6, 2026
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM MST
Denver Museum of Nature and Science

Colorado's aviation and aerospace industries are one of our state's defining strengths, and this year's View from the Top explores the business strategies powering them forward. From the runway to orbit, top executives will share how they lead in fields defined by precision, ambition, and the drive to reach new heights.

Hosted by the Colorado Business Roundtable, this annual event brings together business, academic, government, and community leaders for a high-level dialogue on leadership, strategy, and the future of industry.

Registration will launch mid-July.

Sponsorship opportunities are now available. **Click here to view sponsorship levels**.

In the News

The Denver Gazette

GUEST OPINON: Colorado's talent pipeline is a business risk and opportunity

By Debbie Brown and Dr. Marielena DeSanctis

Colorado's economy is constrained by one factor more than any other: talent.

Across industries, CEOs are facing similar challenges—roles remain open too long, hiring costs continue to rise and uncertainty about whether new hires will perform on day one persists.

Whether you are leading a health system on the Front Range, a construction firm on the Western Slope, a manufacturer in Weld County or a financial institution serving communities across the state, one challenge is consistent: finding and developing the workforce needed to grow. **READ MORE**

Business Roundtable

Business Roundtable Q2 CEO Economic Outlook Index Increases for Fourth Consecutive Quarter

Business Roundtable recently released its Q2 2026 CEO Economic Outlook Survey, a composite index of CEO plans for capital spending and employment and expectations for sales over the next six months.

The overall Index increased by two points from last quarter to 91, its highest reading since Q4 2024 and well above its historic average of 83. The gain was driven by stronger CEO expectations for sales and plans for capital investment. Hiring plans remained in neutral territory, with about as many CEOs indicating they intend to decrease employment at their companies as increase it. **READ MORE**

The Denver Gazette

EDITORIAL: The high cost of a 'progressive' tax hike

By The Gazette Editorial Board

No sooner had we urged support the other day for Initiative 232 — which safeguards and caps Colorado's simple, flat income tax — than a new analysis by the Common Sense Institute made another strong case this week for the ballot proposal.

If its supporters gather enough voters' signatures to qualify for next fall's statewide ballot, it will pose an effective antidote to a reckless, massive tax hike, Initiative 195, that's also gathering voters' signatures for Nov. 3. **READ MORE**

Happening at COBRT



ZOOM BRIEFING: Colorado Housing Consortium

The Colorado Housing Consortium, a statewide partnership of government, private, and nonprofit leaders, is tackling Colorado's affordable housing shortage—a gap of more than 106,000 units that leaves one in three households housing-cost burdened.

In this briefing, Katie Colton of the Colorado Housing Consortium and Jamie Van Leeuwen of BuildStrong Foundation outline practical solutions, including a streamlined Common Application for funding, innovative financing tools, and modular construction to speed up development. In under a year, the Consortium has launched three major initiatives, engaged over 50 organizations, and introduced Housing Hub Colorado to cut through barriers and accelerate housing delivery statewide. **Watch the full recording here.**

COBRT Sponsors 2026 Canada Day Celebration



On June 10, COBRT had the honor of partnering with the Consulate General of Canada to celebrate National Canada Day at the Legacy at National Western. Not only was this event a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Canada, but it was also a great reminder of the powerful relationship between Canada and Colorado. It was a pleasure to hear from Consul General Sarah Quigley and learn about her transition to serve the Mountain West.

COBRT was grateful to have been a part of such a wonderful event!

Recent Podcasts

Future of Work Session 1: New Frontiers in Work-Based Learning: The Employer Outlook

New episode from COBRT's Future of Work series: "New Frontiers in Work-Based Learning: The Employer Outlook." Drawing on new Burning Glass Institute research, this session digs into the promise and gaps in Colorado's work-based learning ecosystem. Erik

Leiden of Burning Glass Institute shares key findings, followed by a candid discussion moderated by Isis Artze-Vega with Sean Grubb of CoorsTek and Danny Moore of DeNOVO Solutions on practical pathways to grow work-based learning.



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Future of Work Session 2: From Purpose to Performance: What the Data Says About an Engaged Workforce



Nearly half of employees say they work primarily for a paycheck—yet those with a strong sense of purpose are far more engaged and less likely to leave. Justin Lall, Principal at Gallup, breaks down the data behind purpose at work and what it means for employers navigating retention, burnout, and culture in today's labor market.

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Future of Work Session 3: Colorado Business Roundtable Workforce Survey: From Signals to Strategy



This session unpacks new findings from COBRT's workforce survey, with analysis from Accenture on key trends shaping talent strategy—from AI adoption to critical skill gaps. Eyal Darmon of Accenture presents the data briefing, followed by an employer strategy discussion moderated by Sara Cotter of Accenture, featuring Eve Lieberman of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, Jeanie Kelley of RK Industries, and Joel Orn of Entegris.

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Future of Work Session 4: Inside the AI Workforce Shift: A Look Inside NVIDIA and HPE

Our last session goes behind the curtain with leaders from NVIDIA and HPE on how AI is reshaping their own workforce, from shifting roles to real-world upskilling and reskilling strategies. In this keynote fireside chat moderated by Debbie Brown, President of Colorado Business Roundtable, Sean Young of NVIDIA and Baradji Diallo of HPE move beyond theory to discuss what's changing now and what's coming next.



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Upcoming Events



A Precious Child's Fill A Backpack Program

As organizations look for meaningful ways to give back and strengthen employee engagement, A Precious Child's Fill A Backpack program offers a tangible opportunity to make a lasting impact in our community.

While students are just beginning summer break, we are already preparing for the upcoming school year. Our goal is to equip more than 11,500 children with brand new backpacks filled with grade appropriate school supplies, ensuring they arrive on the first day of school prepared and ready to learn.

Hosting a Fill A Backpack Collection Drive is an easy and impactful way to engage employees, foster team building, and demonstrate your company's commitment to supporting local children and families.

Get your company involved by hosting a Fill A Backpack Collection Drive

To learn more about the program and additional corporate engagement opportunities, **CLICK HERE**.

Together, we can help thousands of students start the school year with the tools they need to succeed.

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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