



As we welcome a new year, I am excited for the year ahead and the opportunities it holds for Longmont and our region. January is a time to reflect on the progress we've made and to plan for what's to come in 2025.

2024 was a good year for Longmont and for the Longmont EDP. Last year, we worked with local, regional, and state partners to respond to over 50 prospects; many of these are moving forward or are still active, representing potential new businesses or business expansion opportunities. We worked with the state to facilitate access to tax credits for 41 business through the North Metro Enterprise Zone. We also worked with the state to establish Colorado's second CHIPS Zone, paving the way for semiconductor companies in Longmont to get access to state and local incentives. We participated in domestic and international recruitment missions, showcasing the amazing assets of Longmont, our region, and the state as a whole. We spent significant time cultivating partnerships with other economic development partners, as well as our workforce and education partners. We proudly supported the St. Vrain Valley School District's bond measure, which passed with overwhelming community support, ensuring students in Longmont and the district will continue to have access to the highest quality education, preparing them for the jobs of today and tomorrow.

As we move in to 2025, we hope to build off these successes and continue to ensure Longmont remains a vital center for primary employment and economic vitality. We are excited to welcome several new Longmont EDP Board members, who will help chart the course for our continued success. We will continue to deploy an aggressive business attraction program, while supporting a robust businesses retention and expansion program to ensure the success of Longmont's established primary industry base. We look forward to building on our already established partnerships to amplify our collective impact and make sure Longmont is a great place to live, work, visit, and play. As always, please reach out if you have thoughts or ideas about how we can work together to support Longmont's continued growth and success.

I hope you will consider joining us for our 2025 Economic Summit, where we can continue to talk about what's on the horizon for Longmont in 2025. This year's summit will provide information on local insights, demographic and economic trends, and the burgeoning quantum industry. Please consider joining me on February 25, 2025; registration is live on the LEDP website.

Here's to a bright and prosperous 2025!

## Advance Longmont Economic Summit | February 25, 2025



The Longmont Economic Development Partnership has announced details for the upcoming Advance Longmont Economic Summit. This annual event provides an opportunity for Longmont-area business, nonprofit, education, and community leaders to convene to learn, share, and engage in discussions about timely issues and opportunities. The event features time for networking and sessions on:

This year's theme is *Powering the Future: Navigating Economic Trends*. The event will include a presentation on the ColoradoCast, the state's 6-month economic forecast, as well as remarks from the new state demographer. This year's events will also include a quantum primer and essential insights to help unpack this transformative technology. Early registration is open now. We hope you can join us!

[Register Here!](#)



**LEDP Investor Spotlight**

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Diamond G Management's roots in Longmont date back to the 1800s, beginning as a livery stable before evolving into a leading business in freight, construction, and land development. This sixth-generation family enterprise has played a pivotal role in Longmont's development for decades, from donating Golden Ponds Park to leading early economic initiatives that attracted the FAA and IBM to the region.

Today, Diamond G continues to shape Longmont's future through its public-private partnership with the city, transforming the Irwin Farm into the Harvest Moon Town Center. This dynamic mixed-use development, anchored by Costco, will include businesses like In-N-Out Burger, Lazy Boy, and Pacific Dental, as well as affordable housing opportunities to meet community needs. We are proud to recognize Diamond G's legacy of innovation and its significant private investment, which reflects a deep commitment to Longmont's economic and social vitality.



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### **New Funding Available to Small Businesses for Clean Energy Research and Development**



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
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The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) opened new funding to small businesses for innovative clean energy technologies as part of its Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR) programs. SBIR and STTR are competitive funding opportunities that encourage U.S.-based small businesses to engage in research and development to accelerate the commercialization of innovative technologies. SBIR/STTR provides funding in two phases: Small businesses can receive up to \$200,000 in Phase I to prove the feasibility of an idea; successful awardees can then receive up to \$1 million in Phase II for further development including prototyping, validation, and testing.

Mandatory letters of intent for this funding opportunity are due **Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2025 by 11:59 p.m. ET (9:59 MT)**.

Informational webinars were held earlier this month, but slides should also be posted. Interested parties can [review the funding opportunity](#) for more information.

The funding opportunity covers all Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) technology areas, including: Advanced materials and manufacturing, Bioenergy, Buildings, Geothermal energy, Hydrogen, Industrial decarbonization, Solar energy, Vehicles, Water power, and Wind energy.

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## Application now open for the Advance Industries Accelerator Grant Programs



The Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) is accepting Advanced Industries Accelerator Program applications for the second grant cycle of fiscal year 2025. Online applications are being accepted for the [Proof of Concept Grant](#) and [Early Stage Capital and Retention Grant](#).

**Applications are due by 5:00 pm MST on February 28, 2025.**

The Advanced Industries Accelerator Programs were created in 2013 to promote growth and sustainability in Colorado's advanced industries by helping drive innovation, accelerating commercialization, encouraging public-private partnerships, increasing access to early stage capital and creating

Colorado's advanced industries are:

- Advanced manufacturing
- Aerospace
- Bioscience
- Electronics
- Energy and natural resources
- Infrastructure engineering
- Technology and information

[Early-Stage Capital and Retention grants](#) fund companies commercializing innovative technologies to create viable products that meet a market need and can be created or manufactured in Colorado and exported globally. Grants up to \$250,000 will be awarded.

[Proof of Concept grants](#) are open to approved Colorado research universities and federal labs located in Colorado. These grants are for pre-commercialization research and commercialization preparation of innovative technologies. Grants up to \$150,000 will be awarded.

Applications can be submitted [on-line](#) through the end of February.

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## Get Tickets for WinterFest 2025: Ice Climbing World Cup & Festival

WinterFest 2025 is coming to Longmont! Save the date for these two events, which will take place at the [Longmont Climbing Collective](#) over one action packed, super fun weekend in February. General admission tickets are free, but VIP tickets can be purchased to maximize your experience. There are also opportunities for local vendors and sponsors. Reach out to Noah Mobley ([noah@longmontclimbingcollective.com](mailto:noah@longmontclimbingcollective.com)) with the Climbing Collective for more information.

### Ice Climbing World Cup

Approximately 150 athletes from over 25 member associations are set to contest the coveted UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup lead and speed titles. Six venues on three different continents will offer unique ice towers, exciting routes and supreme technical challenges.

### WinterFest

Longmont's own, Climbing Collective, has combined the fifth stop of the World Cup tour with Colorado's premier winter festival featuring local food, beer, vendor village & kid's zone.

- [General Admission](#) tickets are free
- [VIP tickets](#) available for the ultimate WinterFest experience

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## Colorado Child Care Facilities Needs Assessment



Our partners at [EPIC](#) (Executives Partnering to Invest in Children), shared the recently released [Colorado Child Care Facility Needs Assessment](#). This report, completed by the Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) in partnership with Community Development Institute and Chapin Hill, investigated the current state of child care facilities in Colorado.



The report highlighted some findings that EPIC sees as aligned with the work they've done and will continue to do with the implementation of HB 24-1237 Programs for the Development of Child Care Facilities as well as the Child Care Contribution Tax Credit. Some of these findings include:

- Child care providers do not have adequate funding/savings to support maintenance and repair of facilities;
- Many providers need support to maintain basic health and safety needs such as ADA compliance, environmental testing, and routine maintenance of outdoor play spaces, flooring, HVAC, windows, parking/sidewalks, roofing, secure access, plumbing, and electrical needs;
- Many providers are performing their own facility maintenance;
- Potential providers highlight zoning, permitting, or licensing as barriers to entry;
- Several providers would like to expand but lack necessary funding, expertise, or both.

The recommendations of the report include:

- Technical assistance to support new or expanding child care providers with regulatory requirements, design and planning of space, funding, and business development;
- State-level grant funding for maintenance and repair of childcare facilities;
- Grant programs for expanding existing childcare facilities;
- Flexible zoning laws to accommodate child care;
- Match potential providers with available space at places like schools, community centers, and places of worship;
- Strengthen collaborations between state and local agencies, community organizations, and private sector entities to support potential child care providers;
- "No wrong door" approach to ensuring new and existing providers can access technical assistance and resources.

We look forward to continuing to support the work of EPIC and their many partners across the state to support children's development, child care needs, Colorado's workforce, and our state's economy.

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## **RIDE Longmont Provides On-Demand Public Transit within Longmont**





RIDE Longmont launched at the end of 2024 and offers cheap and reliable rides to almost anywhere in Longmont. RIDE Longmont provides service within Longmont, Mondays through Saturdays, 6 am – 8pm and Sundays, 9 am – 5 pm. There is also service to and from the new mobility hub at I-25/CO 119, which is served by [Bustang](#). Scheduling and taking a ride using the app, is as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Download the RIDE Longmont app ([Android](#) and [iOS](#)) and create an account.
2. Enter pickup and drop-off addresses and then select the ride option that works best. Riders can specify if they will need accommodations for a bicycle or wheelchair.
3. The app will tell you exactly where to meet the vehicle, which is never more than a short walk away.

RIDE Longmont vehicles are black with green highlights and white RIDE Longmont logos. Visit the [website](#) for additional details and start riding today!

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## Sector Partnership Updates

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### Boulder/Broomfield Tech Talent Sector Partnership Meeting



**JANUARY 30 | 12:00-2:00PM**  
4601 Nautilus Ct S STE 100, Boulder

hosted by  
 **FORMFACTOR**

Join the Boulder Economic Council as they kick off the new year with the first convening Tech Talent sector meeting focused on quantum, semiconductors, and using AI to create a

reliable talent pipeline.

During this meeting, guests will:

**Learn more about the host.**

FormFactor is a chip manufacturing test and measurement company, but its cryogenic systems are a critical component for the quantum ecosystem. A brief presentation and tour will be provided.

**Learn more about new initiatives.**

A new effort is being led by Activate Work's Tech Talent Partnership to create a reliable talent pipeline by leading with employers' needs and connecting training and education providers to drive toward outcomes and qualified hires.

[Register Here](#)

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## NoCo Manufacturing Regional Advisory Meeting



### NOCO Manufacturing Regional Advisory Meeting

**February 5th, 7:30am - 11:30am**

High Country Beverage

4200 Ronald Reagan Blvd, Johnstown, CO 80534

**Who should attend:**

Manufacturers in leadership positions addressing business challenges related to workforce shortages, supply chain and future planning.

**Secure Your Spot**



**Registration Link**



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## Advance Longmont Ecosystem Updates

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### Join Visit Longmont for the Northern Colorado Tourism Economic Summit



In partnership with our Northern Colorado (NoCo) destination colleagues, Visit Longmont is thrilled to host a **Tourism Economic Summit** on **Tuesday, January 28, 2025**, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Longmont.

This event will **foster meaningful dialogue on how we can better collaborate as a tourism community to build a thriving and sustainable economic future for Northern Colorado**. We are honored to host Eve Liberman, Executive Director, with the Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade and Tim Wolfe, Colorado State Tourism Office Director, as our keynote speakers.

**Your \$25 registration** includes morning coffee and tea, a catered lunch, a networking reception, and a downtown tour (space limited). A conference rate is also available at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Following the summit, network with friends and colleagues and sign up early for a unique Post-Summit Tour of downtown Longmont. This experience, which is also included in your registration, will feature visits to sample some of Longmont's specialty brews and spirits while showcasing exciting economic development and tourism infrastructure projects in the area. Don't miss out on the fun!

[Register Here](#)

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### Front Range Community College

#### Heat Pump and HVAC Workforce Needs Planning Session

Our partners at Front Range Community College (FRCC) recently announced a planning meeting to support opportunities for addressing workforce challenges around skilled HVAC technicians and heat pump installers.

Finding skilled workers for critical roles like HVAC technicians and heat pump installers remains a challenge for many employers. To tackle these issues, FRCC is hosting a meeting to explore collaborative solutions with other businesses in this industry.

**When:** January 14, 2025, at 2:30 PM

**Where:** Forge Campus, Loveland

This meeting will focus on building a stronger talent pipeline for HVAC and heat pump roles, addressing hiring challenges, and reducing turnover. FRCC will share opportunities to align efforts and discuss strategies to upskill workers effectively. Information on the Talent Pipeline Management (TPM) process, which will support these efforts, will also be discussed.

Please RSVP to Janel Highfill at [janel.highfill@frontrange.edu](mailto:janel.highfill@frontrange.edu).

### **2025 Breakfast of Opportunity**

You are invited to FRCC's annual Breakfast of Opportunity! At this event, you will learn more about the work of the FRCC Foundation and ways we can work together to support students' dreams. You will also hear directly from student scholars, hear from the President, Dr. Colleen Simpson, and see the impact of community support on student success.

**Date:** March 13, 2025

**Time:** 8:00 am - 9:30 am

**Location:** Larimer County Campus - Grays Peak Atrium (4616 S. Shields Street Fort Collins, CO 80526)

[Register Here](#)

### **40<sup>th</sup> Annual FRCC Foundation Golf Tournament**

Join us for more than just a round of golf—be part of a tradition that changes lives. Your participation directly supports the resources our students need to succeed. Proceeds from this event help the Foundation cover operating costs, allowing us to provide scholarships, emergency assistance for students, program support, and so much more. Together, we're making a lasting impact on the future of our students and community.

**Date:** June 06, 2025

**Time:** 7:00 am Check-in | 8:30 am Scramble

**Location:** Thorncreek Golf Course (13555 Washington St. Thornton, CO 80241)

[Learn More](#)

## We Are Recruiting Mentors for TrojanTECH's 2025-2026 School Year!

Join our growing family of approximately 60 local professional mentors who are currently successfully guiding and inspiring TrojanTECH students! Longmont High School's P-TECH program is a groundbreaking initiative where students combine high school, college, and hands-on industry experience to earn an associate degree in Business accredited by Front Range Community College—at no cost to the student.

As a mentor, you'll participate in 3-4 half-day, in-person events with your mentee and other professionals throughout the school year, along with monthly email check-ins. Your guidance not only enriches their classroom experience but also provides invaluable career insight, helping them thrive in this innovative program.

Interested in joining us? Contact Phillip Inzerillo at [phillip@longmont.org](mailto:phillip@longmont.org) for more details.

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## Latino Chamber of Commerce

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Empowered Women Group

**Vision Board**  
2025

Thursday,  
January 23, 2025  
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Members: Free  
Non-Members: \$15

-VISION

Join us for a special gathering to kick off 2025 with intention and purpose. Let's come together to create our Vision Boards for 2025 and set ourselves up for success! It's will also be an opportunity to:

- Visualize and focus on your dreams for 2025
- Connect with incredible women from different industries
- Build momentum for an amazing year ahead

Bring your energy, ideas, and any materials you'd like to use for your board. Let's make 2025 a year to remember—starting now!

Location: Advance Longmont Center, 1925 Pike Road, Suite 202, Longmont CO 80501

[Register Here](#)

## Latino Chamber Member Satisfaction Survey

The Latino Chamber asks that members please take a few minutes to complete their Satisfaction Survey. This year, the chamber aims to provide more resources and create events to benefit the community, but they need your help! It only takes a few minutes and greatly appreciated.

(Last day to fill it out is January 31st)

## Latino Chamber Satisfaction Survey



## Featured Property

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## Events

Click on the links to register. Be sure to add these upcoming events to your calendar!

**January 10: Economic Forecast presented by BizWest: Navigating the national and regional economy**

11:30 am - 1:00 pm | AIMS Community College Welcome Center, 4901 W. 20th Street, Greeley, CO, 80634

Renowned economist Dr. Rich Wobbekind provides insights into where the economy has been and where it's going at this highly popular luncheon attended by over 500 people. [Register Online](#)

**January 13: Longmont EDP Board of Directors Meeting & Orientation**

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm | Advance Longmont Center, 1925 Pike Rd. Suite 202, Longmont CO 80501

**January 14: Longmont City Council Regular Session**

7:00 pm | City Council Chambers, 350 Kimbark St., Longmont, CO

All City Council meetings are open to the public.

[Agendas and Packets](#)

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**January 17: Longmont Chamber of Commerce Business Before Hours**

7:30 am - 9:00 am | Longmont Climbing Collective, [155 Pinnacle St. Longmont CO 80504](#)

For you early risers, here is your opportunity to network before work and enjoy a delicious breakfast while visiting a variety of businesses throughout Longmont. [Register Online](#)

**January 21: Longmont Open Coffee Club Entrepreneur Meetup**

8:00 am - 9:00 am | Advance Longmont Center, 1925 Pike Rd. Suite 202, Longmont, CO 80501

Free! Join local entrepreneurs as they network over coffee! [Register Online](#)

**January 23: Latino Chamber of BoCo: Empowered Women Group - Vision Board 2025**

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm | Advance Longmont Center, 1925 Pike Rd. Suite 202, Longmont CO 80501

Join us for a special gathering to kick off 2025 with intention and purpose. Let's come together to create our **Vision Boards for 2025** and set ourselves up for success! [Register Online](#)

**January 23: Commercial Brokers of Boulder and Longmont Happy Hour @ Cellar West Brewery**

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm | Cellar West Brewery, 778-B W Baseline Rd, Lafayette, CO 80026, USA

Reserve this time if you would like to attend the 3rd Thursday monthly Commercial Brokers of Boulder and Commercial Brokers of Longmont happy hour social. Please drink responsibly.

Thank you [Tepuy Properties](#) for sponsoring this event. [More information](#)

**January 28: Commercial Brokers of Boulder Monthly Lunch & Learn**

11:30 am - 12:30 pm | Location TBA

Reserve this time if you would like to attend the monthly (4th Tuesday) Commercial Brokers of Longmont monthly lunch & learn event. Location and guest TBA. [Register Online](#)

**January 28: Longmont City Council Regular Session**

7:00 pm | City Council Chambers, 350 Kimbark St., Longmont, CO

All City Council meetings are open to the public.

[Agendas and Packets](#)

[Watch Live Here](#)

**January 30: Boulder Area Tech Talent Sector Partnership Meeting**

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm | Form Factor, 4601 Nautilus Court South, Boulder, CO 80301

Join us as we kick off the new year with our first convening focused on quantum, semiconductors, and using AI to create a reliable talent pipeline. [Register Online](#)



**January 30: CO BioScience Association.: A Year in the Life of Life Sciences Innovations**

4:00 pm - 6:30 pm | BioMed Realty, 5541 Central Ave, Suite 100, Boulder, CO 80301

This dynamic event brings together Colorado’s leading life sciences entrepreneurs and industry experts to provide an in-depth look at what it takes to turn groundbreaking ideas into transformative technologies. [Register Online](#)

**January 30: Longmont Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours**

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Adams Bank & Trust, [10 Ken Pratt Blvd. Longmont CO 80501](#)

Business After Hours is a monthly networking opportunity for Chamber Members and potential Chamber Members. Meet other local movers and shakers while enjoying local food and beverages. [Register Online](#)

**February 4: CO BioScience Association.: A Day at the Capitol**

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm | Colorado State Capitol, 200 E Colfax Ave, Denver, CO 80203

Join Colorado BioScience Association for our annual Day at the Capitol! This event presents an opportunity for life sciences leaders to learn about the issues that affect their businesses in 2025 and to engage with legislators. [Register Online](#)

**February 25: Advance Longmont Economic Summit presented by Longmont EDP**

8:00 am -12:00 pm | Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Rd, Longmont, CO 80501

[Register Online](#)

**Check out these event calendars:**



## Resources

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