

## ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team  
at [MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org](mailto:MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org) by **3:00pm on Monday**.

*\*All fields must be completed.\**

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Date of Request August 31, 2015

Please mark one:      **Bill Request**                      or       **Resolution Request**

**1. Has your agency submitted this request in the last 12 months?**

Yes                       No

**If yes, please explain:**

**2. Title:** *(Include a concise, one sentence description – please include name of company or contractor and contract control number - that clearly indicates the type of request: grant acceptance, contract execution, amendment, municipal code change, supplemental request, etc.)*

The proposed resolution would authorize the Denver Office of Economic Development (OED) to grant a subaward, contract # 201520647, to the Jefferson County America Job Center in the amount of \$735,581 to provide services under grant agreement HG-26659-15-60-A-8 entitled H1-B Ready- to-Work from the U.S. Department of Labor.

**3. Requesting Agency:** Denver Office of Economic Development

**4. Contact Person:** *(With actual knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution.)*

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**5. Contact Person:** *(With actual knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution who will present the item at Mayor-Council and who will be available for first and second reading, if necessary.)*

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**6. General description of proposed ordinance including contract scope of work if applicable:**

This is a regional, joint project which will benefit **long-term unemployed and underemployed people** on the Front Range and Western Slope in Colorado using collaborations between employers, educational institutions and job training programs. This collaboration of workforce development offices throughout the state was awarded a \$6.2 million "Ready to Work Partnership" grant from the U.S. Department of Labor in October 2014.

This federal grant supports the **Technology Employment in Colorado Partnership (TEC-P)** project, a targeted industry sector initiative that will further build the state's information technology and advanced manufacturing sectors. The project is utilizing an industry- and employer-driven approach to develop an education and training career pathway, boosting employment in middle-skilled to high-skilled jobs.

The TEC-P grant application was led by the Denver Office of Economic Development (OED), which is serving as fiscal agent of the four-year project. The partnership consists of several organizations, including the Colorado Urban Workforce Alliance; Workforce Investment Boards serving Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, Larimer and Mesa counties; the Colorado Community College System and Western Colorado Community College; industry associations; employers within the IT and advanced manufacturing sectors; and additional training and other partners. *Council already approved a similar contract which was negotiated with Arapahoe County.*

This is a milestone regional effort to further develop Colorado's pipeline of talent by connecting nearly **600 long-term unemployed individuals** with promising career paths in high-demand industries. We know that approximately 45% of the long-term unemployed

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within the grant area hold a bachelor's degree. The program will primarily target this population with intensive coaching and job training leading to certificates and credentials needed for employment in targeted occupations.

This Ready-to-Work Partnership grant will use on-the job training, paid work experience, paid internships and registered apprenticeships to provide employers the opportunity to train workers in the specific skill sets required for open jobs. The program will recruit those that have been out of work for six months or longer and will incorporate a strong up-front assessment, allowing for a customization of services and training to facilitate re-employment.

**\*\*Please complete the following fields:** (Incomplete fields may result in a delay in processing. If a field is not applicable, please enter N/A for that field.)

- a. **Contract Control Number:** 201520647
  - b. **Duration:** January 1, 2015 through September 30, 2018
  - c. **Location:** State regional collaboration
  - d. **Affected Council District:** City wide
  - e. **Benefits:** Help those experiencing long-term unemployment gain access to employment services that provide opportunities to return to work in middle and high skill jobs.
  - f. **Costs:** \$735,581.00
7. **Is there any controversy surrounding this ordinance?** (Groups or individuals who may have concerns about it?) **Please explain** No.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (if applicable)**

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