Collectively these new workers will earn $842.8 million in additional earnings per year. Increased economic activity will yield an additional $25.2 million in Colorado state tax revenue. These earnings increase spending by an additional $720.4 million and increase investment by an additional $88.2 million. This additional spending and investment will support a net gain of 33,438 jobs and increase the GRP by $1.1 billion.

The best economic stimulus is a skilled and in-demand workforce. Strategically investing in human capital is a key tactic for economic vitality.

Positive Impact on Economic Vitality

Source: All data contained in this document is from PY13 and was calculated by the Colorado Workforce Development Regions, BLS, LMI Gateway, Connecting Colorado and the Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc.
Ready to Implement WIOA

- Strong track record delivering superior results in support of the American Job Center brand.
- Comprehensive one-stop center that provides access to one-on-one core program services.
- Wagner-Peyser services, TANF/Colorado Works and Employment First (SNAP employment and training programming) are completely integrated into Arapahoe/Douglas Works! operations.
- Programming and access to services provided for jobseekers with multiple needs and/or barriers.
- Dynamic and nationally recognized business-led Workforce Development Board already experienced in the 13 functions of local boards under WIOA.
- Experienced participant in regional planning and collaborative operations with other workforce areas and community and industry partners.
- Experienced participant and convener of sector partnerships.
- Service delivery is demand-driven and utilizes data and workforce intelligence supporting strategic training investments contributing to community and regional economic vitality.

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“Workforce Investment Works”

Business Driven:
Under the leadership and guidance of the business-led Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Board, Arapahoe/Douglas Works! actively works to keep local businesses competitive:
- Listed nearly 72,166 job openings for 2,201 local businesses
- 35,373 listings were in targeted high-growth industries
- Convened over 266 customized hiring events
- Worked with 2,201 businesses throughout the Denver Metro Area
- Has membership in a variety of regional business and industry associations
- Placed 16,628 people in jobs

A 56-year-old, laid off Veteran, came to Arapahoe/Douglas Works! seeking help finding employment. She was enrolled into the WIA Program and received intensive job search assistance. After refining her job search strategies, resume and interviewing skills, she obtained employment making $6.25 more per hour than in her previous position.

-WIA Dislocated Worker Program Participant

Instrumental to Regional Economic Vitality:
The Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Investment Board has identified key industry sectors that have the most potential for regional job creation. By actively working with local businesses in these key sectors, Arapahoe/Douglas Works! was able to better target public training monies toward critical occupations in these key sectors. By focusing on quality training, 277 WIA Adult customers earned an average of $37,128 per year and 256 Dislocated Worker customers earned an average of $44,782 per year. Since the average new hire earnings for the region was $35,478 per year, this represents a value-add of over $2.8 million and a cost-benefit ratio in excess of 2.1.

Rachel received a Medical Technologist certification thanks to the WIA Program and Greater Metro Denver Healthcare Partnership. She was offered a full-time job with one of the top healthcare employers in the Denver Metro area, in their microbiology laboratory, with a starting salary of $28.64/hour.

-WIA Adult Program Participant

Reduction in the Utilization of Social Safety Nets
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In PY13, Arapahoe/Douglas Works! saved taxpayers nearly $1.8 million by helping 4,200 recipients of welfare and other public assistance programs go back to work. A JOB not only puts a wage in people’s pockets, but significantly reduces dependency on the public welfare rolls.

Truyen, a recent immigrant from Vietnam, enrolled in the WIA Youth Program. He received his GED and completed in-demand IT training with a credential. Truyen obtained employment in the IT industry, as a mid-level software developer making $35,000/year.

-WIA Youth in the Works! Participant