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### **A/D Works! awarded by Council for Community and Economic Research**

*Community, Economic and Workforce Development Applied Research award to be presented June 15*

**CENTENNIAL, CO** – Arapahoe/Douglas Works!, a proud partner of the American Job Center network, has earned the prestigious Community, Economic and Workforce Development Applied Research Award from the Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER). This award will be presented Thursday, June 15, during the C2ER Conference (June 12 – 16, 2017) in Denver.

Arapahoe/Douglas Works! will receive the award for their work in Assessing Economic Impact of Workforce Center Operations, which they have reported for the last eight years. This annual report is requested by the Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Development Board by its service provider Arapahoe/Douglas Works! to show the annual economic impact and return on taxpayer investment for workforce development services conducted in Arapahoe and Douglas counties.

Arapahoe/Douglas Works! helps job seekers identify career pathways in key industry sectors that lead to good-paying jobs. The Economic Impact findings show that during program year beginning July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, Arapahoe/Douglas Works! invested \$11.51 million in public funds to serve 23,717 customers, at a cost of \$485.33 per customer served. Of these, 22,458 found work and were still working after six months. The 22,458 people successfully working realized \$15,809 more in average earnings than those who did not use a workforce center in their job search. The total value Arapahoe/Douglas Works! added to the regional economy was \$355 million.

The C2ER Annual Conference is held in conjunction with the LMI Annual Forum, creating the premier national event for economic development researchers and labor market information analysts.

Arapahoe/Douglas Works! will accept this award at the conference which attracts more than 700 professionals, representing all aspects of community and economic development along with labor market data, in the U.S. and Canada.

The Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Regional Workforce Center is located at 6974 S. Lima Plaza, Centennial 80112. Workforce Centers also are located in Littleton and Aurora. For more information on Arapahoe/Douglas Works! call 303-636-1260 or visit the A/D Works! website at [www.adworks.org](http://www.adworks.org).

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