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The *Recovery Act*: Creating Jobs and Making a Difference in Colorado

Earlier this year, the Democratic Congress worked with President Obama to enact the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* (the *Recovery Act*) in an effort to rescue, rebuild, and strengthen our struggling national economy. Eight years of failed fiscal policies and misguided economic priorities had left our national economy on the brink of disaster, and now – only nine months later – our economy is on the brink of recovery. The *Recovery Act* and the efforts of American businesses and workers, like those in Colorado, made this progress possible.

Despite this encouraging news, Democrats know that many Coloradans are still struggling, and unemployment – a lagging economic indicator – remains far too high. In response, Democrats are working to create and save millions of jobs with *Recovery Act* dollars and tax relief. Already, with more than half of the dollars yet to be spent, the recovery package has provided for more than one million jobs and the rate of job loss has slowed significantly. As we look toward the future, Democrats believe that the *Recovery Act*, combined with the American work ethic and ingenuity, will continue to make a difference for families in Colorado and will deliver on its promise to rebuild our economy and get Coloradans back to work.

The Recovery Act is Creating Jobs and Making a Difference

Last week, the White House announced that certain recipients of *Recovery Act* funds have reported the creation of 640,329 direct jobs. About 325,000 of these jobs are in education and over 80,000 are in construction. These numbers, however, represent only about 16 percent of expenditures through September 30 and do not reflect the majority of *Recovery Act* funding to date, which has gone directly to individuals and states, including:

- Tax relief for businesses and working families;
- Small business loans, which are exempt from reporting;
- The first-time homebuyer tax credit;
- Direct federal aid, including \$250 direct stimulus checks, enhanced unemployment benefits, increased food stamp benefits for vulnerable families; and
- State fiscal relief, which prevented job cuts at the state and local government level.

Moreover, the reported data does not capture indirect or induced jobs created when prime contractors hire suppliers or other companies to complete projects or when newly employed workers spend their pay checks. It is estimated that, if included, indirect jobs would add

another 50 percent or more to the direct jobs numbers and induced jobs would add an additional 36 percent. [Office of the Vice President, [10/30/09](#); CBPP, [10/28/09](#)]

Taken as a whole, the reported data confirms earlier estimates that the *Recovery Act* would create or save over one million jobs by now, even though less than half of the *Recovery Act* funds have been put to work. [Office of the Vice President, [10/30/09](#)] According to Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projections, that number may be as high as 1.6 million jobs. [CBO, [11/09](#)]

Moreover, without the *Recovery Act*, economists believe that the economy and the unemployment rate would be much worse.

- According to CBO projections, “an additional 600,000 to 1.6 million people were employed in the United States, and real (inflation-adjusted) gross domestic product (GDP) was 1.2 percent to 3.2 percent higher, than would have been the case in the absence of ARRA.” [CBO, [11/09](#)]
- The Commerce Department reported that the nation’s gross domestic product grew by 2.2 percent in the third quarter of 2009, the first expansion in more than a year. Economists are projecting 4 percent growth in the fourth quarter. [Commerce Department, [12/22/09](#); testimony of Dr. Martin Baily before the Senate Democratic Policy Committee, [12/16/09](#)]
- According to economist Mark Zandi, “The research of Moody’s Economy.com suggests that a million fewer jobs would exist today, while the unemployment rate would already have risen well into double digits.” [Testimony before the Joint Economic Committee, [10/29/09](#)]

The Recovery Act is Creating Jobs and Making a Difference in Colorado

In Colorado, this partial reporting indicates that 8,094 jobs have been created or saved by funding 1,069 awards worth \$2,627,726,557, of which \$686,306,507 has already been received. [Recovery, Accountability, and Transparency Board, accessed [11/2/09](#)]

Similar to the national number, this validates the White House’s earlier estimates that the *Recovery Act* is responsible for saving or creating 16,100 jobs so far for Coloradans (accounting for indirect and induced jobs). [Council of Economic Advisors, [9/2009](#)] **Colorado is on track to benefit from a total of 59,000 Recovery Act jobs.** [The White House, [2/2009](#)]

These numbers alone cannot adequately convey the human impact of the jobs that are supported by the *Recovery Act* – the real-life stories of local companies that can hire new employees, workers who are no longer faced with uncertainty, and families that no longer need to struggle to pay their bills. The following is a sampling of some of the local *Recovery Act* success stories in Colorado:

Seven wildlife refuge projects will be completed thanks to Recovery Act funds; the project leader said many of the repairs are long overdue. “Seven valley wildlife refuge projects will be completed thanks to over \$2 million in stimulus funds from the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Mike Blenden, project leader, said many of the repairs are long overdue. Three of the projects are at the Alamosa wildlife refuge. ‘We are replacing the ditch diversion dam on the Rio Grande at the Alamosa Wildlife Refuge,’ Blenden said. ‘That dam washed out in 2001 and this is first time we have had the funding to take care of that.’ The contract for the new ditch dam was awarded to two firms, Stantec, located in Dolores, and North

State Environmental Inc., located in Winston-Salem, NC. A team approach will be used by the two firms to complete the project. ‘This is a very important project because in Colorado if you don’t use your water rights you can lose them,’ explained fish and wildlife spokesman Michael Mascari... The other two projects at the Alamosa refuge involve demolishing some old buildings at the refuge office and retrofitting some photovoltaic panels (solar panels) on the roof of the office.” [[Valley Courier](#), 12/18/09]

The City of Ouray was awarded a *Recovery Act*-funded grant to install a 20 kilowatt micro-hydro generating unit; the system is expected to save the city approximately \$12,000 in annual electricity expenditures. “The City of Ouray has been awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Colorado Governors Energy Office to install a 20 kilowatt micro-hydro generating unit to be located at the Ouray Hot Springs Pool. ‘This is great news for Ouray,’ said Ouray Mayor Bob Risch... Telluride Energy will be managing the project, working in collaboration with McMillon Engineering, Hydrowest, and High Tech Electrical Services. The project will take advantage of an existing, currently underutilized pipeline adjacent to the pool site. The electrical output from the system will be net-metered to offset the electricity use of the pool complex, saving the city approximately \$12,000 in annual electricity expenditures. The powerhouse for the project will be constructed by a shop class from Ouray High School. Once completed, the project will provide an added tourist attraction to visitors to Ouray Hot Springs. Over the 30 year life of the project, the city will save approximately \$370,000 – not accounting for expected electricity price increases. The project will also provide an opportunity for local students to participate in development of a clean energy project, and will avoid approximately 224,000 pounds of annual carbon dioxide emissions. Gov. Bill Ritter announced the grant award for Ouray as one of 14 New Energy Economic Development (NEED) grants to recipients across Colorado for renewable energy and energy efficiency projects that will help create and retain jobs, strengthen local economies, and save money and energy.” [[The Watch Newspapers](#), 12/17/09]

Local telecom company along the Colorado-Nebraska state line will use stimulus to connect about 550 locations in the rural farm to high speed internet, provide access to distance learning and telemedicine services. “The first handful of awards from the federal government’s \$7.2 billion broadband stimulus program includes funding for a Colorado project. Vice President Joe Biden on Thursday revealed the first 18 winning grants, a total of \$182 million projects meant to improve high-speed Internet access in areas of United States that lack it. In Colorado, a \$1.5 million project proposed by the Peetz Cooperative Telephone Co. received a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Utilities Service. The local telecom for the Peetz area, along the Colorado-Nebraska state line north of Sterling, Colo., said in its application it would use the money to connect about 550 locations in the rural farm to high speed Internet, which would spur economic activity and access to distance learning and telemedicine services.” [[Denver Business Journal](#), 12/17/09]

Dover Post highlights the opportunity that the *Recovery Act* provides for small businesses. “The economic stimulus package has provided several funding opportunities for small businesses. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has expanded the availability of federally subsidized microloans of up to \$35,000. These loans are available in Delaware through the First State Community Loan Fund... The Small Business Administration also guarantees small business loans that entrepreneurs can seek through private banks... The SBA also offers a surety bond guarantee program, which helps small businesses to purchase bonds necessary to perform construction projects and other work. Businesses interested in purchasing real estate or other fixed assets can take advantage of Certified Development Company loans, which are subsidized by the SBA.” [[Dover Post](#), 12/14/09]

Researchers at the University of Colorado Denver will receive about \$52 million in one-time *Recovery Act* money, creating up to 520 new jobs. “Researchers at the University of Colorado Denver will receive about \$52 million in one-time federal stimulus money, creating up to 520 new jobs and the potential to uncover scientific breakthroughs that create new spin-off companies. Dr. Richard Traystman, vice chancellor for research at the University of Colorado Denver (UCD) at the Anschutz Medical Campus, said the institution was awarded 120 stimulus-related grants of 565 proposals submitted in 2009. In general, most of the university’s grants came from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), which offered an additional \$10 billion in stimulus-related grants on top of its \$30 billion budget. In total, UCD will receive \$365 million in federal funds this year.” [[Denver Business Journal](#), 12/11/09]

***Recovery Act* funding will go to small businesses, school districts, nonprofits and municipalities for renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.** “Gov. Bill Ritter announced today the award of 14 New Energy Economic Development (NEED) grants to recipients across Colorado for renewable energy and energy efficiency projects that will help create and retain jobs, strengthen local economies, and save money and energy. The grants, which total about \$1.5 million and are funded by the *Recovery Act*, will go to small businesses, school districts, nonprofits and municipalities. Projects include converting a gas boiler system to a woody biomass heating system at Western State College, using solar power to offset irrigation costs for an Alamosa farm, and retrofitting an HVAC system with efficiencies at Buena Vista schools. ‘These grants reflect the way Coloradans in every corner of Colorado are helping to advance the New Energy Economy,’ Gov. Ritter said. ‘They reflect the innovative and entrepreneurial spirit that is making Colorado a national leader in building a clean-energy future and a leader in the nation’s economic recovery. These projects will help create jobs, reduce energy usage and save money.’... The 14 grant projects will leverage more than \$3.3 million in public-private local matching funds for a combined \$5.8 million investment in Colorado communities.” [[Summit Daily News](#), 12/11/09]

Counties throughout Colorado will use *Recovery Act* funds for transportation projects, school lunches, and affordable housing units; one project to help protect the North Lake Watershed will create or save 13 jobs. “Federal stimulus funds have arrived in several parts of the Spanish Peaks area. According to the state’s Web site, Colorado.gov, millions of dollars in President Barack Obama’s stimulus package have been pumped into Las Animas and Huerfano counties for a variety of programs. The South Central Council of Governments County Region - which includes Huerfano and Las Animas counties - will receive an \$84,441 Community Services Block Grant Allocation. Trinidad has received more than \$7 million in stimulus funds for a portion of the Interstate 25 project through town. The money will be used for the construction of the Purgatoire River Pedestrian Trail, new streetlights, parking lot paving, curb and gutter, drainage inlets, landscaping and sidewalk... Las Animas County will receive \$636,265, and Huerfano will receive \$307,700... Huerfano County will receive \$174,624 and Las Animas County will receive \$696,078 to maintain K-12 education programs... Under school-lunch funding, Huerfano County will receive \$93,409, and Las Animas County will receive \$29,244. The M.S. Forest, LLC in Las Animas County will receive \$1 million to hire four new employees for the duration of the grant period and retain nine other jobs. The goal of the project is to treat 750 acres to help protect the North Lake Watershed, Trinidad’s primary source of drinking water. Under federal programs and projects, Trinidad and Aguilar will receive the following funds for the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Trinidad Housing Authority - \$444,654. Aguilar Housing Authority - \$38,424. Walsenburg Housing Authority - \$262,598. The Trinidad Lake North Watershed Project will receive \$79,000 for technical and financial assistance to private landowners (mostly family-

owned farms and ranches) for implementing improved management strategies and erosion control practices on cropland, grazing land and adjacent properties located in the Trinidad Lake Watershed that result in reducing contaminant and sediment loading to Trinidad Lake Reservoir.” [Pueblo Chieftain, 12/6/09]

Colorado was awarded \$2.1 million in Recovery Act funds to improve broadband. “Gov. Bill Ritter announced today that the Governor's Office of Information Technology has secured nearly \$2.1 million through the Recovery Act to support broadband Internet mapping and planning activities throughout Colorado. The Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) awarded grant funding today to six states, including Colorado. ‘Reliable, affordable Internet service brings opportunities in education, business, health care and jobs to our state,’ Gov. Ritter said. ‘Improving our broadband access is imperative to remaining competitive in today's global economy’... Colorado received an award of approximately \$1.6 million for broadband data collection and mapping activities over a two-year period and almost \$500,000 for broadband planning activities over a five-year period.” [Colorado.gov, 11/30/09]

A Colorado company will use Recovery Act funds to create a database, website and call center to help consumers and businesses learn more about energy-efficiency projects they can do. “Colorado advertising agency Vladimir Jones and its partners have landed a \$5 million contract related to the federal stimulus program to help state residents learn what they can do to save energy. The contract with the Governor's Energy Office (GEO), announced Tuesday, calls for building a database, website and call center to help consumers and businesses learn more about energy-efficiency projects they can do -- and the financial incentives offered by a myriad of utilities, governments and agencies in Colorado and at the federal level to help pay for those projects.... The goal is to create a one-stop-shop for consumers who want to save energy but aren't sure of what to do, or who to call, or what incentives might be out there, according to the GEO.... Overall, the agency is handling about \$138.8 million from the federal economic stimulus program, but the bulk of that will pass through the agency to local governments and agencies to spend on energy efficiency and other projects...’ Colorado has needed something like this for a while. There are so many programs from so many entities, you start to lose track of them all,’ said Gil Rossmiller, chief building official for the city of Parker, in the GEO's announcement of the contract award.” [Denver Business Journal, 12/2/09]

Colorado will use Recovery Act funds for the mapping of broadband availability in the state and planning broadband services. “The federal government has awarded \$2.1 million in stimulus grants to Colorado to fund the mapping of broadband availability in the state and planning broadband services... The federal government earmarked money through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to help states understand where high-speed Internet access is lacking and try to foster wider broadband adoption. About \$1.6 million of the NTIA stimulus grant will go to broadband mapping in Colorado, while the remaining \$500,000 is meant for broadband planning by the state... The grant could help Colorado tech policymakers achieve a goal they've pursued for more than three years. The Colorado Legislature in 2008 passed a bill creating a broadband mapping project in the state to be overseen by the OIT and estimated to cost up to \$400,000. The effort struggled to secure funding. Some \$60,000 in private money was committed to the project. The original bill was amended in early 2009 to make it possible for OIT to seek \$300,000 in state funding for the mapping. Economic woes shrank state revenues, leaving federal stimulus money the most likely source of money for the project.” [Denver Business Journal, 11/30/09]

Metropolitan State College of Denver will use stimulus funds to help lower the cost of construction of a Student Success Building. “Metro State used Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds, a financing instrument created by ARRA, to issue \$56.5 million in taxable bonds and secure an interest rate not seen since the 1960s. The federal government will pay 45 percent of the interest, saving Metro State \$15 million to \$20 million in interest payments compared to traditional tax exempt bonds. Metro will use the bond proceeds to build a four-story, 143,000-square-foot Student Success Building, which will house services and offices that are currently spread throughout the campus. By consolidating and providing more room for academic success, support, advising, and enrollment programs the new building will improve customer service and meet the needs of the growing student body.” [[The Governor Monitor](#), 11/27/09]

Recovery Act helped employ four people to get 132 solar panels installed at O'Briens Carpet One. “One local business goes green and helps some people get back to work. Federal Stimulus Money helped employ 4 people to get 132 solar panels installed at O'Briens Carpet One. The panels will generate 25 thousand watts of energy. Project Manager Sam Masias says people like himself are grateful for the work, ‘we hired another gentleman that I met he’s a good carpenter he created some tools up here that helped expedite the process.’ Masias worked for the past 2 years in the Solar Industry in California he moved here to help take care of his father, and is working as a result of this project he says, “we’re able to develop jobs here we’ve got a 2 million watt solar array they’re going to build at the academy we think we can put 100 people low skilled - medium skilled people to work.” [[KRDO](#), 11/27/09]

Steamboat Springs is set to use Recovery Act funding for the removal of trees that present a wildfire risk. “The city of Steamboat Springs has received a \$1 million grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the Colorado State Forest Service for removal of trees that present a wildfire risk in the Steamboat area. The project is expected to start in early December on land owned by the city, Steamboat Ski and Resort Corp., several homeowners’ associations and private homeowners in the city and Routt County. In a Thursday news release, the city cited lodgepole pines affected by the bark beetle epidemic as a focus of the project. “The tremendous number of standing dead trees in this old-growth forest has resulted in very high to extreme forest fuels loading, as well as increased the risk of injury and property damage from hazard tree blowdown,” the release stated.” [[Steamboat Pilot](#), 11/20/09]

The Colorado State Forest Service announced that 15 organizations and businesses that will create or retain more than 200 forestry-related jobs, thanks to Recovery Act funding. “The Colorado State Forest Service is awarding much-needed economic stimulus funds to 15 organizations and businesses that will create or retain more than 200 forestry-related jobs in Colorado between now and Sept. 30, 2011... The funds were made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The U.S. Forest Service received \$1.15 billion for forest project work nationwide ... Twenty Colorado counties... will receive direct benefits from stimulus funds through jobs creation and retention. In addition, neighboring counties will experience indirect benefits, as the vitality of mills impacts raw wood suppliers and companies that purchase finished product in multiple counties and sometimes in multiple states. “These Recovery Act funds will allow the retention of current personnel and create new jobs that will implement forest restoration and wildfire mitigation projects. The funds also will help communities with efforts to develop and implement Community Wildfire Protection Plans, which ultimately will help them compete for other grant funds in the future.” [[Colorado State News](#), 11/2/09]

Recovery Act funds have created or saved 4,500 jobs in Colorado—500 in highway construction and 121 in home weatherization; 6,200 homebuyers have taken

advantage of the stimulus' one-time \$8,000 federal tax credit for buying their first home. “The stimulus money flowing through state agencies has saved or created almost 4,500 jobs in Colorado so far, most of them in colleges and prisons. An analysis released Tuesday by Gov. Bill Ritter's economic recovery team also found that about 6,200 homebuyers have taken advantage of the one-time \$8,000 federal tax credit for buying their first home. It also found that more than 50,000 college students have benefited from the boost in Pell Grant funds... ‘The biggest impacts were on state jobs, but it also included grants given the state to fund areas such as youths' summer jobs, highway work and weatherization improvements... The stabilization portion also was used by the state to save another 524 Department of Corrections jobs. About 500 jobs were created through state highway projects. Home weatherization created the equivalent of 121 full-time jobs... the report detailed how many people have used programs funded by stimulus money. It showed that about 300,000 have received or will receive food assistance and about 174,000 have gotten increased and extended unemployment benefits.” [Denver Post, 10/28/09]

Recovery Act funds helped employ 1,200 youths this summer in Colorado. “[Denver Councilman Doug] Linkhart said the city used federal stimulus money this year to help place about 1,200 people between the ages of 16 and 24 in jobs. Overall, the city spent about \$4 million, including stimulus funds, on the program this year, he said. But Linkhart said the stimulus money was a one-time payment, forcing the city to pare the youth jobs program back next year to serving 200 youths. He said the mayor's budget would spend about \$700,000 on the program next year. He wants to raise the spending level to \$1.4 million and is still combing the 2010 budget to find ways to fund the increase.” [Denver Post, 10/26/09]

In Colorado, Recovery Act contracts could create more than 4,000 jobs, many of them in the telecommunications and renewable energy sectors. “The state was slated to receive about \$5.5 billion from the economic recovery plan. And much of that money focuses on creating jobs for Coloradans... ‘We have 65 jobs posted currently,’ Bill Thoennes, with the Colorado Department of Labor, said. Myung Oak Kim, communications manager for the Governor's Economic Recovery Team, says there are many more jobs to come. ‘We do expect thousands of jobs over the next two years,’ Kim said... Recently, the federal government announced the preliminary awarding of contracts to 163 Colorado companies. Those contracts could result in more than 4,000 jobs in Colorado. Many of them would be with the telecommunications company Teletech, which offers a number of temporary positions. Eric Van Orden, of Standard Renewable Energy, says his company is looking for 15 full-time workers, with positions ranging from installation technicians to sales people and energy consultants. ‘All those people that have been waiting for jobs... in the very near future I see them having those opportunities for jobs.’” [9News, 10/21/09]

\$12 million in Recovery Act allocation helps fund bridge and transportation project; will bring jobs to Colorado. “The city, the State of Colorado and developer Forest City Enterprises recently jointed [sic] forces to build a new highway interchange for I-70 that will serve the master planned of [sic] community of Stapleton, which Forest City is developing. Denver was one of the first cities whose stimulus projects were approved... The complicated financing of the project—which will involve three bridges, 3,600 cubic yards of concrete and 890,000 pounds of reinforced steel—also shows why it seems like it's taking a while for the federal funds to trickle down into real life local projects. Of the \$70 million overall price tag only \$12 million is actually coming from the big stimulus bill. The largest share, \$30 million, is coming from city and state sources. Another \$9 million is being paid by traditional federal highway funds and \$19 million is being kicked in by the developer.” [Business Week, 10/8/09]

Thanks to the *Recovery Act*'s competitive bidding process, Colorado Transportation Commission will be able to provide funds for nine more projects.

“The Colorado Transportation Commission has approved nine extra construction projects around the state with stimulus funds, in part using funds that have been saved from lower-than-expected bids on previous projects. ‘Because of competitive contractor bids coming in lower than expected, we are now able to construct even more projects with the money that has been saved,’ state Transportation Commission Chair Kim Killin said in a statement. ‘These projects mean that more people will be put to work in economically disadvantaged areas across the state improving Colorado’s transportation system.’ The Colorado Department of Transportation has received \$400 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for projects, about 75 percent of which has been ‘obligated,’ or earmarked. ” [[Denver Business Journal](#), 10/7/09]

Colorado State University will use \$7.3 million in *Recovery Act* funding to research disease and create jobs.

“CSU scientists seeking solutions for problems ranging from childhood obesity to the plague will share about \$7.3 million in federal stimulus funds announced by President Barack Obama on Wednesday... For Art Campfield, a professor of food science and human nutrition at Colorado State University, the approximately \$200,000 he will receive over the next two years will ensure the continued operation of Program Energy. Campfield said the program helps elementary school children across the country learn about science while making good choices about food. The program aims to help fight childhood obesity and Type II diabetes, while also engaging kids in science... Campfield said his program, which has been running for nine years, has reached about 6,000 schoolchildren and their families.” [[Coloradan](#), 10/1/09]

313 arts jobs restored, saved, or created in Colorado, thanks to funding from the *Recovery Act*.

“The rules were clear for the Colorado arts groups applying for funds through the federal government's economic stimulus plan: Each grant had to be tied to an actual job. Real positions had to be created or preserved directly with the money. When the grants were announced last week, 47 arts groups made the cut, splitting a total of \$568,040 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Their promise is to keep 313 people gainfully employed either by preserving workers laid off or threatened, or by restoring reduced positions to full-time. [[The Denver Post](#), 9/21/09]

***Recovery Act* saves and preserves 313 arts jobs in Colorado.**

“Colorado has received \$568,040 in Federal recovery funds that will ensure that 313 Colorado arts workers will remain, temporarily at least, off the rolls of the unemployed. The money is intended to “help combat job loss in the arts due to declining philanthropic and other support in the current economic climate,” the release stated. These grants have significant impact on arts organizations statewide: Organizations in 15 counties and 17 cities received ARRA funding. More than 300 jobs, including contract positions, will be preserved or reinstated. Many of these jobs are key leadership positions critical to the daily operation of each organization. Other positions will allow organizations to continue to provide innovative and educational programs and services that greatly benefit numerous Colorado communities.” [[The Colorado Independent](#), 9/14/09]

\$7.2 million in *Recovery Act* funding accelerates the building of airport taxiways and leads to immediate job creation for the 3-5 year construction project.

“The Colorado Springs Airport will receive a \$7.2 million grant from the U.S. Transportation Department to accelerate rebuilding three key taxiways that are used with its longest runway, cutting the project’s completion time by about half, airport officials said. The latest grant, along with \$6.28 million in stimulus money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, will help continue rebuilding work on a taxiway that parallels the airport’s east runway and two other taxiways between the first one and the airport’s passenger terminal. The airport

hopes to finish rebuilding all of its taxiways within three to five years, said Mark Earle, the city's aviation director. "This is an important part of multiyear project to improve the taxiway association with our major air carrier runway... The two grants will 'speed up the work and create jobs in the region.'" [*The Gazette*, 9/14/09]

Millions of dollars in Recovery Act-funded projects create jobs for veterans and have a positive impact on Colorado's forests. "In Colorado, millions of dollars from President Barack Obama's Recovery Act are already funding projects that will improve forest conditions. For example, the U.S. Forest Service has partnered with the Colorado Youth Corps Association to remove dead trees that were killed by bark beetles from campgrounds, picnic areas and trails. The Veterans Jobs Project in Dolores County is a partnership of the U.S. Forest Service, the Southwest Conservation Corps and the Veterans Green Jobs Academy that trains and employs vets to become leaders in emerging green jobs industries [*The Denver Post*, 9/13/09]

47 arts groups will receive Recovery Act funding, saving or restoring 313 jobs. "Forty-seven Colorado arts organizations in 15 counties will share \$568,040 in federal stimulus funds allocated by the National Endowment for the Arts. The one-time grant is intended to reduce job losses in the arts caused by a drop in philanthropic support during the economic downturn. The Colorado Council on the Arts, the city of Denver's Office of Cultural Affairs and the Western States Arts Federation are administering the state's share of the grant money under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Each is distributing funds to a different set of arts groups. In a statement, the three administering groups said the funds will save or restore 313 salaried and contract jobs among the recipient arts organizations. Here are the arts groups receiving funds, listed by each administering organization. Given are the recipient, its location and the amount received." [*Denver Business Journal*, 9/11/09]

Recovery Act-funded trail project to create jobs for Colorado youth. "The BLM Colorado State Office awarded \$60,000 in ARRA funding to the Colorado Youth Corps Association to conduct trail maintenance, construction, and restoration work for the Western Slope of the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area.... In a statewide effort to ensure mountain bike trails are sustainable and that mountain bikers have places to ride, Bicycle Colorado, working with Singletrack Trails Inc., is slated to begin planning a trail-and-travel management system this winter, surveying the area and identifying links to existing trails, new trails and areas suitable for restoration. Once Bicycle Colorado completes the trail plan in spring 2010, the Colorado Youth Corps Association will begin construction on the system. The CYCA is a coalition of 10 conservation corps that engage youth and young adults in land, water, and energy conservation projects while promoting education, work and life skills. 'We're thrilled to be able to put young people to work on this important project and help create the next generation of natural resource workers,' said CYCA Executive Director Jennifer Freeman. 'This ARRA project is a great opportunity to provide jobs for western slope youth.'" [*The Watch*, 9/10/09]

Recovery Act grant will pay for contractors to improve Colorado State Forests. "More than \$10.7 million in economic stimulus money directed to the Colorado State Forest Service will create new jobs for private companies while knocking off projects on the service's to-do list. Funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will fund projects to address fuels mitigation, forest restoration, creating and implementing community wildfire protection plans and helping increase and retain jobs in the forest industry, said Jeff Jahnke, state forester and director of the Colorado State Forest Service, an agency of the Warner College of Natural Resources at Colorado State University... A \$6.25 million grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will go toward firms that plan to address major forest issues on a competitive

basis. A second grant for \$4.465 million will help fund jobs to develop and implement wildfire community protection plans.” [[Fort Collins Coloradoan](#), 9/4/09]

The President and CEO of Namaste Solar Credits the *Recovery Act* for making it possible to hire six new people. “It’s a new day, a new field and lots of new words for Natalie Libansky... After a couple of months on unemployment, Libansky recently got a new job with Namaste Solar. Monday, she was installing solar panels on the roof of Eldorado Natural Spring Water. ‘When I got the call that I got the job, I ran around my house like a mad woman, in circles, kind of like my dog does. Just ran around totally pumped,’ she said. Libansky is one of about six people the small Boulder-based 55 person company recently hired. President and CEO Blake Jones credits the economic stimulus bill signed by President Obama earlier this year. ‘We’re really excited about this project,’ Jones said, ‘because this is our first large commercial project we’re installing in about a year.’” [[9News.com](#), 9/1/09]

The Colorado State Forest Service will distribute *Recovery Act* funds for projects that create forestry-related jobs. “The Colorado State Forest Service is seeking proposals for \$10.7 million in federal stimulus funds it will distribute for projects that create forestry-related jobs. The funds authorized under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act include: \$6.25 million for organizations working to create or retain jobs in forest restoration and fuels mitigation. \$4.47 million to fund jobs involved in planning community wildfire protection, with some of the money for jobs in the wood-products industry. ‘The Colorado State Forest Service and the state of Colorado are fortunate to receive this significant [stimulus] award,’ Jeff Jahnke, state forester and director of the Colorado State Forest Service, said in a statement Monday. ‘The jobs created and retained through Recovery Act funding will benefit Colorado’s citizens and the economy while reducing wildfire hazards, improving the health of our forests and revitalizing wood-based industries.’” [[Denver Business Journal](#), 8/31/09]

***Recovery Act* funds will be used to improve two rural Colorado Sewage treatment facilities.** “Two rural Colorado sewage-treatment facilities will receive a combined \$2.42 million in federal stimulus funds for improvements. Here are the grants, announced Wednesday by the office of Gov. Bill Ritter: The town of Boone, in Pueblo County, will get \$1,295,000 to improve its sewage-lagoon system, where inadequately treated wastewater has been seeping into a local aquifer. Some 14 temporary jobs will be created. The town of Red Cliff, in Eagle County, will get \$1,122,608 to replace its wastewater plant, which has operated for several years under an Environmental Protection Agency cease-and-desist order for being out of compliance with federal regulations. An estimated 26 temporary jobs will be created.” [[Denver Business Journal](#), 8/27/09]

***Recovery Act* money will be used to expand medical care and improve water systems in rural Colorado; will generate 46 temporary jobs.** “Three projects in rural Colorado will get a total of nearly \$3 million in federal stimulus funds to expand medical care and improve water systems. Gov. Bill Ritter announced Tuesday that the funds will be distributed through community development block grants, administered by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. The western Colorado town of Red Cliff will receive \$1.1 million to replace its wastewater treatment plant. The town’s existing plant is out of compliance with federal standards. The Pueblo County community of Boone will get about \$1.3 million to improve its wastewater treatment system. Another \$415,000 will go to the Bent County Medical Facility in Las Animas to expand the clinic. State officials say the projects will generate a total of 46 temporary jobs.” [[Colorado Connection](#), 8/26/09]

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Thanks to *Recovery Act* bond program, Colorado can construct state justice complex and museum, creating 2000 jobs over two year period. “Plans to build a new Colorado History Museum and state justice complex are going ahead despite the recession and deep budget cuts. State officials plan to break ground for the new history museum building Wednesday. Work on the justice complex will begin next year. The state treasurer estimates the \$338 million project will create work for 2,000 people over four years. The project isn't affected by budget cuts because it's not funded with tax dollars. Higher court fees and gambling revenue are paying the tab. However, financing nearly fell through because of the credit crunch. But the state was able to take advantage of federally subsidized bonds created by the stimulus act to finance it, saving \$77 million in interest payments.” [*Associated Press*, 8/19/09]

***Recovery Act* grants will fund energy efficiency and renewable energy endeavors across Colorado.** “The Governor`s Energy Office (GEO) announced today it is soliciting applications for a \$2 million grant program that marks the inaugural set of renewable energy and energy efficiency grants to be funded through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) in Colorado. The GEO is accepting applications for the first round of New Energy Economic Development (NEED) grants. NEED grants provide funding for projects that improve energy efficiency and advance renewable energy for commercial, industrial and public projects while sustaining and creating jobs in the growing green energy sector. ‘We’re excited to begin directing *Recovery Act* dollars into innovative New Energy Economy projects,’ said GEO director Tom Plant. ‘This marks just the first of many *Recovery Act*-funded grant, rebate and loan packages to flow from GEO designed to create jobs while further advancing Colorado’s leading role in the country’s transition to clean, lower-carbon sources of energy.’” [*Estes Park Trail Gazette*, 8/12/09]

UQM Technologies Inc. acquired a battery production contract funded by *Recovery Act*. “The U.S. Department of Energy has awarded more than \$50 million to local efforts to accelerate manufacture and deployment of electric vehicles, batteries and components in the United States. The grants are among 48 advanced battery and electric drive projects to be funded by American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds. First, UQM Technologies Inc. (NYSE Amex: UQM) of Frederick has been selected to receive a \$45.1 million award. The DOE award provides for a 50 percent cost share by UQM, raising the total value of the project to \$90.2 million, according to a UQM press release... Colorado State University also has been selected to receive a \$5 million grant to educate the public about hybrid and electric vehicles and to train hybrid/electric technicians and emergency responders. The CSU grant is expected to create 85 jobs to help meet a national shortage of trained workers and help rebuild the U.S. auto industry.” [*Northern Colorado Business Report*, 8/6/09]

UQM Technologies Inc. stock soared following announcement that it would receive *Recovery Act* dollars for battery manufacturing initiative. “Electric-motor technology company UQM Technologies Inc. said Wednesday it has been awarded \$45.1 million by the U.S. Department of Energy under the federal stimulus program. Frederick-based UQM was the only

Colorado company to receive a portion of the \$2.4 billion in competitive grants that were awarded Wednesday by the Energy Department as part of the 'Advanced Battery Manufacturing Initiative,' a program funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, according to the office of Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter. The stock (AMEX: UQM) rose 31 percent on the news Wednesday, closing at \$5.12, near the top of its 52-week range. Colorado State University in Fort Collins received a \$5 million grant under the program and will be partnering with Georgia Institute of Technology, Arapahoe Community College, Douglas County schools and other companies for work on battery technology. CSU said it plans to use the money to educate the public and train the workforce and emergency responders about the inner workings of hybrid and electric vehicles. CSU said the grant is expected to create 85 jobs to help meet a national shortage of trained hybrid/electric technicians." [[Denver Business Journal](#), 8/6/09]

CSU affiliate will use stimulus grant to hire 85 people to train technicians on energy-efficient technology. "A Colorado company and a group of colleges and schools on Wednesday landed a \$50 million slice of \$2.4 billion in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds meant to support the development of advanced electric-drive vehicles. President Barack Obama said the money would be used to get U.S.-made electric vehicles to market. About \$1.5 billion will be funneled through the U.S. Department of Energy to companies — including UQM Technologies Inc. of Frederick — developing advanced batteries and components. UQM said it will receive \$45.1 million. About \$400 million will be used to buy and test electric vehicles, install charging stations and train workers for electric transportation in programs. Colorado State University will use its \$5 million stimulus grant to help educate the public and train technicians to work on hybrid and electric vehicles. The grant is expected to create 85 jobs, most of them training positions." [[Denver Post](#), 8/6/09]

EPA regional administrator expects *Recovery Act* allowance will generate hundreds of jobs while improving water quality. "In a move that stands to create jobs, boost local economies, improve aging water infrastructure and protect human health and the environment for the people of Colorado, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has awarded \$ 27,481,600 to the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority. This new infusion of money provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 will help the state and local governments finance many of the overdue improvements to water projects that are essential to protecting public health and the environment across the state. [[Press Release – Environmental Protection Agency](#), 7/14/09] ***Recovery Act* disbursements have led to a 10 percent increase in the workforce of a local company.** "The Corps of Engineers has named Riverside, a science, engineering, and information technology consulting company, to work on accelerated deployment of the Corps Water Management System. With funding from the economic stimulus package passed by Congress in February, the Corps' Hydrologic Engineering Center (HEC) chose Riverside, which specializes in water resources and environmental decision support systems... As a result of Riverside's role in this project as well as other projects won this year, Riverside has experienced a 10 percent increase in staff since the beginning of 2009." [[Hydro Review](#), 7/14/09]

600 disadvantaged teenagers hired with *Recovery Act* funds; administrator attributes *Recovery Act* with bringing "hope" to employees. "As a 17-year-old with a newborn baby at home, Kailah Chineth doesn't have much time to cook. But this summer, she's cooking eight hours a day – and getting paid to do it, thanks to a summer job with the Denver Housing Authority. Chenith is one of 300 at-risk teens hired by DHA this summer using grant money from the Federal Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act. DHA, along with Goodwill and La Raza, are combining to hire 600 Denver kids this summer – all with stimulus dollars, around \$763,000 in all." [[KDVR – FOX](#), 7/8/09]

Recovery Act funds will put 600 young people to work in Colorado this summer.

“The Denver Office of Economic Development said Tuesday it has awarded contracts to three groups to run the city's stimulus-funded summer Youth Employment Program... ‘These contracts represent the first federal stimulus dollars flowing through the Denver Office of Economic Development that benefit local businesses and our community,’ André Pettigrew, executive director of the Denver OED, said in a statement. ‘The program provides an important resource for businesses to fill jobs while helping youth gain workforce knowledge, skills and abilities that will lead to rewarding, successful and sustainable employment.’” [[Denver Business Journal](#), 7/7/09]

\$2.2 million infusion of Recovery Act funds to Routt National Forest is enabling companies to rehire laid-off personnel and hire entirely new loggers.

Steamboat Springs-based Rogue Resources owner: “We can now bring some guys that were laid off back to work, and we can hire some new guys. This is just a good deal for us all around.” [[Steamboat Pilot & Today](#), 6/15/09]

Recovery Act grant to five youth training programs allowed Mile High Youth Corps Training to employ 18 new young people this summer.

The federal economic-stimulus money allowed Mile High to hire an additional 18 students. Senator Bennet: “This is an incredible organization that allows you to learn skills and take time to think about what you want to do with your life as you make that contribution to your community.” [[Denver Post](#), 6/13/09]

Recovery Act funds to “preserve critical jobs,” improve education statewide. “By spending the money wisely, we can preserve critical jobs, ensure that more kids graduate from high school fully prepared to succeed in college and the workforce and further strengthen Colorado’s competitive position in the global economy.” [[Denver Business Journal](#), 6/10/09]

Colorado will use Recovery Act funds to train workers who lost jobs to outsourcing.

Colorado will get \$3,270,845 as its share of \$456 million in additional funds to states under the *Recovery Act* to help more of these workers upgrade existing skills or retrain for new careers in industries that have the potential to grow in the coming months and years.” [[Denver Business Journal](#), 6/10/09]

Colorado’s first road project funded by Recovery Act funds will break ground Tuesday.

The project would probably have between 12 and 20 people working on it. [[Denver Business Journal](#), 5/18/09]

Recovery Act funds allowed the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps to bolster its staff and support community businesses.

RMYC will add an additional three crews this summer, each consisting of 10 young adults ages 19 to 25 who will work 40 hours a week this summer removing beetle-killed trees 12 inches in diameter and less. [[The Steamboat Pilot & Today](#), 5/10/09]

Western Colorado will receive \$48 million for transportation projects.

Head of Mesa County Workforce Center said it was an opportunity for unemployed and underemployed to get back into the job market. [[KJCT-8](#), 5/5/09]