At the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, we’re here to show you why Colorado is the right choice for your business and your life.

When companies choose to do business in Colorado, they know that it means that they’ll be able to tap into our invigorated workforce, partner with innovative executives and collaborate with a business-friendly government that has their bottom line in mind. Part of this collaboration includes a wealth of programs offered by our office.
JOE GROWTH INCENTIVE TAX CREDIT (JGITC)
A state income tax credit for businesses undertaking job creation projects that would not occur in Colorado without this program.

JGITC - HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (HEP)
A state income tax credit for businesses partnering with State Higher Education Institutions to support job growth, academic development, and economic expansion.

STRATEGIC FUND INCENTIVE
Supports and encourages new business development, expansions and relocations that have generated new jobs throughout the state.

ENTERPRISE ZONE TAX CREDITS
Provides tax incentives to encourage businesses to locate and expand in designated economically distressed areas.

RURAL JUMP-START PROGRAM
New businesses and new hires that locate in a designated zone, do not compete with existing Colorado companies and collocate with state institutions of higher education receive tax relief for up to eight years.

JOB TRAINING GRANT PROGRAMS
Business friendly tools that assist in growing and retaining jobs by funding employee training to upgrade their skills.

REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS
Locally supported loans to businesses in rural Colorado to create new or retain jobs for low to moderate income persons.

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS
Grants that fund infrastructure in rural Colorado to support new jobs or retain existing jobs for low to moderate income persons.

SALES AND USE TAX REFUND
Colorado provides industry specific tax relief from the state sales and use tax to promote economic development.

ADVANCED INDUSTRY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT
Help early stage technology companies raise angel equity investments from Colorado investors.

AVIATION DEVELOPMENT ZONE TAX CREDIT
A business located in an Aviation Development Zone may qualify for a state income tax credit.

COLORADO TOURISM MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM
Provides assistance to the tourism industry for marketing efforts.

FILM INCENTIVE PROGRAM
A 20% performance-based rebate.

AI ACCELERATOR PROGRAMS
The Advanced Industries (AI) Accelerator Programs promote growth and sustainability in these industries by helping drive innovation, accelerate commercialization, encourage public-private partnerships, increase access to early stage capital and create a strong ecosystem that increases the state’s global competitiveness.

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EXPORT COUNSELING
Advisors are available to assist businesses in the areas of marketing, sales, market selection, partner selection and exporting fundamentals.

TRADE-RELATED EDUCATION
Export training sessions available in partnership with the World Trade Center Denver and industry experts focused on the fundamentals of exporting and international marketing.

INTERNATIONAL MARKET ANALYSIS PARTNERSHIP (IMAP) PROGRAM
Colorado companies can take a free semester-long MBA course focused on international business at an accredited Colorado university.

COLORADO TRADE MENTOR PROGRAM
Opportunities for Colorado companies to connect with seasoned business, community and academic leaders across a wide range of industries.

MANUFACTURING SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION
Colorado provides an exemption from state sales and use tax on purchases of manufacturing machinery, machine tools and parts.

RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (REDI) GRANT PROGRAM
Helps eligible rural communities develop plans and undertake projects to create jobs, drive capital investment, and increase wages.

COLORADO CREATIVE INDUSTRIES CAREER ADVANCEMENT GRANTS
Grants to benefit creative entrepreneurs and artists in helping to stimulate their commercial creative business.

COLORADO CREATES GRANTS
Grants that provide critical financial support to help nonprofit cultural organizations and communities produce and present arts and cultural activities.

CHANGE LEADERS INSTITUTE
The Institute offers professional development and teaches communication skills that can help creative professionals leverage and facilitate change in communities, as well as creates a statewide network for community leaders.

CREATIVE DISTRICTS CERTIFICATION
Offers vetted districts access to grant funding, tailored technical assistance, networking and training programs and access to advocacy tools. The certifications creates hubs of economic activity, promotes a community’s unique identity and enhances areas as appealing places to live, conduct business and attract visitors.

SPACE TO CREATE
This program creates affordable housing for creative industry workers in rural communities.

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