



*Providing a Voice for Northeast Colorado*

**COLORADO FIRST AND EXISTING INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM**  
BA-2001-3

**WHEREAS**, Colorado First is a nationally renowned program to provide customized job training to new, expanding and relocating businesses, and,

**WHEREAS**, the primary beneficiaries of this program are Colorado citizens who gain employment opportunities, and,

**WHEREAS**, Colorado First program has proven to be a *cost-effective* economic incentive to new, expanding and relocating businesses, and,

**WHEREAS**, the community college system has proven to be an excellent delivery system.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Progressive 15,

SUPPORTS increased funding for the Colorado First Program; and

SUPPORTS the community college system as the delivery mechanism, and

SUPPORTS the Governor's policy to encourage equitable distribution of funds between urban and rural communities, and

OPPOSES wage-based eligibility criteria of Colorado First or other economic development incentive programs that do not take into consideration the wage based disparity between rural and urban communities.

*Adopted this 5th day of April, 2001*

*Extended for 5 years this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007*