

## Welcome to Aurora. The city with the power to move you.

With the towering Rocky Mountains to the west and the vast expanse of the high plains to the east, no wonder anything's possible in Aurora. The city's pro-business attitude, ample land, cost-effective lease rates, excellent infrastructure, and educated workforce fuel a dynamic economy. Already Colorado's third most populated city, Aurora is attracting an abundance of new business to its 151 square miles of opportunity.



### Aurora Economic Development Council

A partnership between business and government for more than three decades, the Aurora Economic Development Council champions Colorado's most promising growth industries including aerospace and defense, bioscience, transportation logistics and energy, positioning Aurora and Colorado to win new jobs in an intensely competitive market. We create new primary jobs through innovative deal creation, strategic partnerships, and by advocating for economically sustainable public policy. The Aurora Economic Development Council is a private, not-for-profit 501(c)(6) corporation comprised of the leading 100 companies in the Aurora/Denver metro area, the city of Aurora, and Adams and Arapahoe Counties. A-List, Colorado's premier business event, and Accelerate Colorado, the only statewide advocacy group that conducts an annual business mission to Washington, D.C., are produced by the Aurora Economic Development Council for the benefit of the state's leading industries and Colorado's economic development.

### Aerospace and Defense

The aerospace and defense industries have long been a crucial component of Colorado's technology economy. The state's space industry generates more than \$3 billion in annual revenue. Colorado ranks second after California in direct aerospace employment. Aurora is a major driver in the aerospace industry in Colorado. More than one-third of Colorado's direct aerospace jobs are located in Aurora. Raytheon Company, Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin and The Boeing Company all have major operations in Aurora. In fact, Raytheon Company is Aurora's second private employer with more than 2,200 employees. Aurora's Buckley Air Force Base contributes more than \$1 billion annually to the region. Buckley continues to be the fastest growing Air Force base in the nation. It provides superior global surveillance, worldwide missile warning and expeditionary forces for combatant commanders and support to Homeland Defense missions.

### Bioscience

A major contributor to Colorado's bioscience industry is the Anschutz Medical Campus and Fitzsimons Life Science District in Aurora. The site, which currently employs 16,000, is the home of the University of Colorado Denver health sciences operations, the University of Colorado Hospital, The Children's Hospital, the new Veterans Administration Hospital, and several other centers for health care, biomedical research and workforce development. Additionally, Forest City Science is developing the Colorado Science + Technology Park at Fitzsimons that will consist of Anschutz/Fitzsimons site will be a \$5.2 billion investment,

consist of approximately 18.5 million square feet and 6.5 million square feet of corporate and research space for companies focused on the science and technology sectors. This project contributed \$3.5 billion dollars to the state's economy in 2008 with \$1.4 billion generated in personal income. By 2013, the site will employ 21,041 directly, contribute \$4.5 billion annually to Colorado's economy and generate \$1.8 billion in personal income. At build-out, the employ 44,569 people (direct jobs, no multiplier).

### Transportation Logistics

Centrally located in the United States, Aurora functions as a strategic transportation hub. The Aurora/Denver metro area contains multiple interstate highways, fourth busiest airport in the nation, major rail lines, and an expanding mass transit network. The transportation and logistics service industry consists of a range of businesses involved in the manufacturing, warehousing, selling, transportation, and distribution of goods.

### Renewable Energy

An emerging Colorado industry is renewable energy. Colorado ranked fourth in the country for direct renewable energy employment in 2010 with 19,420 employees. The average salary for a renewable energy employee in the state is \$75,240 in 2009. Renewable energy employment grew 32.7 percent in the state from 2005 to 2010; the national growth for the same period was 10.0 percent. Aurora is home to the Solar Technology Acceleration Center, SolarTAC, the first shared solar technology center of its kind in North America, occupying 74-acres of the 1,762-acre Aurora Campus for Renewable Energy. SolarTAC is an integrated, world-class test facility where the solar industry can research, test, validate, and demonstrate solar technologies. Its mission is to increase the efficiency of solar energy products and rapidly deploy them to the commercial market. Founding members include Xcel Energy, Abengoa Solar, and SunEdison; The Electric Power Research Institute is a sponsoring member; and Midwest Research Institute (MRI) manages and operates the site. Ecotech Institute, the first and only college focused entirely on preparing America's workforce for careers in renewable energy and sustainable design, launched its first campus in Aurora, creating 76 primary jobs and offering space for 1,000 students.

### The preferred business address in the West.

The Aurora Economic Development Council has been building business relationships and creating primary jobs in Aurora for more than three decades. Contact the Aurora Economic Development Council to learn how we may help your business. Visit [auroraedc.com](http://auroraedc.com) or call 303.755.2223.