



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 144 square miles of opportunity.

Aurora Economic Development Council

The Aurora Economic Development Council is a leading advocate for Colorado's most promising growth industries including aerospace and defense, bioscience, transportation logistics and renewable energy, positioning Aurora and Colorado to win new jobs in these sectors in an intensely competitive global market. We create new primary jobs through innovative deal creation, strategic partnerships, and by advocating for economically sustainable public policy. We are a private, not-for-profit 501(c)(6) comprised of 100 business leaders from the Aurora/Denver metro area, and political leaders from the city of Aurora, Adams and Arapahoe Counties.

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 largest private employer with more than 2,600 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

Colorado's bioscience industry continues to thrive and grow. A key component of this industry is the Anschutz Medical Campus and Fitzsimons Life Sciences District located on the northwest corner of I-225 and Colfax Avenue in Aurora. Within one square mile are 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 + Technology Group recently broke ground on the Colorado Science + Technology Park at Fitzsimons that will consist of 6.5 million square feet of corporate and research space for companies focused on the science and technology sectors. In all, the site is projected to be a \$5.2 billion investment and employ more than 44,500 people. Nearly 15,900 employees currently work at the site. Compare that to Denver International Airport, which was a \$5 billion investment on 53 square miles and employs 30,000 people. The project has spurred additional significant mixed-use development surrounding Anschutz and Fitzsimons including office, retail and residential space.

Transportation Logistics

Centrally located in the United States, Aurora functions as one of the metro area's most strategic transportation hubs. 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. There are more than 1,010 renewable energy and energy research companies located in the metro area employing more than 13,900 people. 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. SolarTAC is a partnership of the Colorado Renewable Energy Collaboratory, the city of Aurora, Xcel Energy, Abengoa Solar, SunEdison, and Midwest Research Institute (MRI).

The preferred business address in the West.

Contact us today.

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 or call 303.340.2101.