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SMALL BUSINESSES ARE GROWING IN WELD COUNTY

WELD COUNTY, CO – According to information presented at the January 2013 Advisory Board meeting of the Northeast East Central Colorado Small Business Development Center (NEECCO SBDC), small businesses in Weld County are growing and thriving.

According to Richard Pickett, executive director of the SBDC, the Northeast East Central Region, to which Weld County belongs, realized \$17,582,840 in capital formation in 2012. That number represents 22.5% of the total amount of capital formation for the entire state last year, as was reported during the meeting January 11th.

“It is great news that almost a quarter of the new capital formation in the state has happened in our region,” said Commissioner Chairman William Garcia.

The Association of Small Business Development Centers provides free business consulting and low-cost training to entrepreneurs looking to start a business or to grow their current business and stay competitive in the market.

“It has been a real privilege working with the businesses in Weld County and being able to assist them,” said Pickett. “The partnership with the county and the support they provide to NEECCO has been invaluable in our ability to provide services county wide.”

Weld County, which provides funding to the NEECCO SBDC (\$35,000 in 2012) is happy with the work the organization is doing.

“There are 11 SBDC centers located in Weld County,” said Garcia. “Last year, the Weld County centers helped 299 clients navigate funding and development challenges. That number is remarkable when you consider that 480 clients were served in the entire region in 2012.”

To learn more about the NEECCO SBDC, please visit www.WeldCountySBDC.com

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