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### AHEAD OF SCHEDULE AND UNDER BUDGET: NORTHERN COLORADO REGIONAL FORENSICS LAB OPEN HOUSE AUGUST 12

WELD COUNTY, CO – “We are ahead of schedule and under budget,” said Weld County Commissioner Chairman William Garcia, referring to the new Northern Colorado Regional Forensics Laboratory (NCRFL). “This facility is a testament to the collaboration of the multiple agencies who worked to make this lab a reality, and we are excited it is finally completed.”



*NCRFL Director Ron Arndt (center) and Weld County Director of Buildings and Grounds Toby Taylor discuss the construction of the lab with the Weld County Commissioners during a tour last June. From left: Commissioners Douglas Rademacher, Sean Conway, Constructor Tom Roche, Commissioner William Garcia, Lab Director Ron Arndt, Buildings and Grounds Director Toby Taylor, Commissioners Barbara Kirkmeyer and Mike Freeman.*

The lab will serve the residents of Northern Colorado and will provide faster turn-around times for evidence testing required by law enforcement officers and prosecutors. Construction of the lab was paid for in full by Weld County.

“Weld County incurred no debt in building this lab,” said Garcia. “Fiscal responsibility, long-range planning, and dedication to using taxpayer funds responsibly and efficiently allowed us to construct this new facility for the benefit of not only our local law enforcement agencies but also our residents.”

The construction of the lab, which was awarded to Roche Constructors, Inc., in July 2012, was scheduled to be completed in October 2013 and had a construction budget of \$4 million.

“Because of the efficient work by Roche Constructors, a mild winter and the donation of the land by Mr. Tom Roche for this project, the lab is completed two months early and \$121,300 under budget,” said Garcia. The total construction cost for the lab came in at \$3,878,700.

To celebrate the new Weld County facility, the public is invited to attend a grand opening celebration and open house on Monday, August

12, 2013, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the lab located at 2329 115<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Greeley.

#### COMPARISONS TO SIMILAR FACILITIES COMPLETED IN RECENT YEARS:

- **Denver Police Crime Lab: 60,000 square feet; cost \$36 million**
- **Wyoming State Crime Lab (co-located with the Health Department): 110,000 square feet; cost \$45 million**
- **Northern Colorado Regional Forensics Lab: 19,794 square feet; cost \$3,878,700**

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