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**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

TRANSFERRING THE OFFICE OF RURAL JOB TRAINING AND THE  
GOVERNOR'S JOB TRAINING OFFICE INTO THE COLORADO  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & EMPLOYMENT

WHEREAS, changes in the world of work demand changes in the way that job training and employment services are delivered in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, there are more than sixty different employment and training programs currently operating in Colorado, many of which attempt to address similar goals; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado recognizes that efficient provision of job training and employment services is dependent on minimizing program duplication and fragmentation at both the state and local levels; and

WHEREAS, consolidating some of the existing employment and training entities at the state level will facilitate local program integration by helping to streamline planning, reduce waste and duplication, and ensure overall goal congruence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, under the authority vested in me by the laws and Constitution of the State of Colorado, DO HEREBY ORDER THAT:

1. The Office of Rural Job Training shall be transferred from the Department of Local Affairs to the Department of Labor and Employment. The Department of Labor and Employment shall become the successor in interest in rural job training and employment matters heretofore concerning the Department of Local Affairs.
2. The staff of the Office of Rural Job Training shall be transferred to the Department of Labor and Employment, pursuant to existing state statutes, regulations, and policies.
3. The statutory authority, powers, duties and functions, records, personnel, property, and contractual obligations of the State with respect to the Office of Rural Job Training in the Department of Local Affairs, shall be transferred to the Department of Labor and Employment.
4. The Department of Labor and Employment shall assume the role of administrator of the rural Service Delivery Area, previously performed by the Office of Rural Job Training, as set forth in the Job Training Partnership Act. In its new capacity, the Department of Labor and Employment shall continue the Act's mission "to provide job training and employment opportunities for economically disadvantaged, unemployed, or underemployed persons which shall result in an increase in their earned income, and to assure that training and other services

lead to maximum employment opportunities and enhance self-sufficiency," as set forth in the Job Training Partnership Act.

5. The Governor's Job Training Office shall be transferred from the Office of the Governor to the Department of Labor and Employment. The Department of Labor and Employment shall become the successor in interest in all job training and employment matters relating to the Governor's Job Training Office.
6. The staff of the Governor's Job Training Office shall be transferred to the Department of Labor and Employment, pursuant to existing state statutes, regulations, and policies.
7. The statutory authority, powers, duties and functions, records, personnel, property, and contractual obligations of the State with respect to the Governor's Job Training Office, shall be transferred to the Department of Labor and Employment.
8. The executive director or chief operating officer of each affected agency or office shall be responsible for ensuring the implementation of, and compliance with, this order.
9. The authority to transfer the Governor's Job Training Office and the Office of Rural Job Training to the Department of Labor and Employment shall be effective immediately.

Given under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State of  
Colorado, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
February, 1997.  
Roy Romer  
Governor