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## **Economic Development Council of Colorado Regional Forum Feb. 9** *South Metro Denver hosts EDCC for Regional Economic Development Forum*

**LITTLETON, CO** --- Representatives from economic development organizations from around the state, elected officials and local business leaders, will gather at the Lone Tree Arts Center for Economic Development Council of Colorado's (EDCC) [Regional Economic Development Forum](http://edcconline.org/events/edcc-regional-economic-development-forum-region-3-arapahoe-douglas-counties/) Feb. 9. This is the first in a series of forums scheduled for 2017.

This forum will be focusing on Region 3, Arapahoe and Douglas counties. Attendees will learn about the attributes and challenges of these counties. The challenges of one region or community can be very similar to that of another. This is an opportunity for EDCC to come together as a true statewide organization, meet member groups where they are located and gain knowledge of issues, acquire tools and resources which we can implement in other communities, to ultimately grow Colorado's economy as a whole.

During this one-day event, attendees will hear specific presentations on transportation – an economic catalyst; and "place making" – the new trend in economic development. Robert Olislagers, airport director for Centennial Airport, will discuss the significant role the airport plays in economic development and will explore current trends he is seeing in the aviation industry to help better prepare our communities.

We are pleased to announce our keynote speaker for the forum. The recently appointed executive director for Colorado's Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT), Stephanie Copeland, will be introduced for the first time to EDCC after assuming her new role. This forum will provide an opportunity to glimpse into her plans for the next two years.

For more information and to register for the event, visit <http://edcconline.org/events/edcc-regional-economic-development-forum-region-3-arapahoe-douglas-counties/>.

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## **About the EDCC**

The Economic Development Council of Colorado (EDCC) is a statewide, nonprofit organization dedicated to successful, responsible economic development. EDCC professionally represents the collective economic development interests of both the private and public sectors. Our mission is to be the premier statewide organization for strengthening Colorado's economy by promoting the highest standards of knowledge and skill for ED professionals, educating local and state leaders about the realities of economic growth and advocating public policies that enhance economic opportunity for all of Colorado.

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