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The mission of the CCCS CTE Perkins Field Council is to “facilitate the strategic use of Colorado Perkins distribution funds to enable student success in and through career and technical education.”

Volunteer members of this Council address that mission through four major activities:

1. Annual review of CCCS approved Perkins federal grant local plans to find best/promising practices; visitations of the institutions selected; and written reports about the site visits.
2. Read and prepare summaries of national articles and/or research reports that may be useful to career and technical education stakeholders.
3. Annual review of the Perkins career and technical education performance metrics data for Colorado to identify positive and negative trends and gaps in performance.
4. Suggest future improvement strategies for increased quality in career and technical education based on accumulative information gained from items 1 through 3.

This report is the result of Activity 1 being applied to local uses of Perkins federal funds for the fiscal year 2009-2010. It is our hope that this report celebrates and honors the good work of the selected Perkins recipients; informs the public about innovations in education; and serves as a guide for others who wish to enhance their career and technical education programs.

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Selection Process

From the review of CCCS approved Perkins local plans, the Perkins Field Council selected eleven Colorado Perkins recipients that demonstrated best and/or promising practices. No Council member was allowed to review any plan that they may have helped prepare. The Council members were able to visit eight of the eleven selected sites prior to the printing of this document. This report summarizes the site visits for the selected recipients. However, we still wish to acknowledge all selected recipients for standing out as making best and/or promising uses of their Perkins grants as demonstrated by their fiscal year 2009-2010 Perkins local plans.

The eleven recipients selected for best/promising uses of Perkins funds for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 are:

- *Boulder Valley School District (Boulder Technical Education Center);**
- *Cherry Creek Schools;**
- *Delta-Montrose Technical College;**
- Colorado Mountain College;**
- Florence School District Re-2;**
- Jefferson County R-1;**
- Mountain BOCES Consortium (Fiscal Agent: Colorado Mountain College);**
- Pikes Peak Community College;**
- Pueblo (City) School District 60;**
- Southwest Colorado Consortium (Fiscal Agent: Montezuma-Cortez RE-1) and**
- Western Colorado Community College.**

***Second consecutive year being selected – site visit conducted in 2009**

Congratulations to each of the districts and colleges listed above on your demonstration of excellence; thank you for your hard work and for your commitment to student success. We wish you continued innovation and achievement.

Finally, we wish to extend many thanks to the personnel and students at the visited sites for hosting the Perkins Field Council visiting teams. While we strive not to be interruptive, we know that is usually not the case, so we especially appreciate the kind and open hospitality that was extended. Thank you for sharing.

We would like to dedicate this report to the late Art Brunig,
a former Field Council member.
Art was a true Champion for quality career education opportunities
for all Colorado students and will be greatly missed.