

# The Colorado Sector Partnership Coach Application

Please review the background information below before completing the application.  
All applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. Please submit this form to [CWDC@state.co.us](mailto:CWDC@state.co.us).

## What sector partnership coaching is available?

National sector partnership experts, Collaborative Economics, and the Woolsey Group will provide customized, one on one coaching and guidance to selected partnerships. Each partnership's intensive technical assistance will look different depending on the unique needs of the partnership. However, coaches will focus on advising the partnership through the steps to launching or expanding a sector partnership through four stages:

1. Defining the scope of your partnership;
2. Preparing to launch your sector partnership;
3. Holding the launch meeting;
4. Organizing the aftermath.

## The coaching may include:

- A one-day site visit, customized to meet the region and or partnership's needs.
- Each site visit may include the following:
  - Planning meeting with regional sector partnership;
  - Facilitation or help with 1-2 sector partnership launch meetings;
  - Abbreviated or follow-up Convener Training Session.
- Ongoing intensive coaching via phone before and after the site visit for up to 8 months.
- Continual one on one support via phone and peer networking calls (through June 2015).

Please reference the four stage process outlined in the "[Colorado Regional Sector Partnership Convener Training Workbook](#)" when completing this application.

## Who should apply? How will awards be chosen?

Sector partnerships or regional sector partnership teams at any stage may apply. The assistance provided will be customized to meet your needs. The applications will be reviewed by a team composed of CWDC staff, Collaborative Economics, The Woolsey Group, and individuals from Colorado Sectors Steering Committee. The review will focus on the regional sector partnership team's commitment to launching and/or sustaining a sector partnership into the future. We encourage sector partnerships in all stages to apply, from those who are in the beginning stages of identifying partners to those who have launching meetings planned, and those who have successful sector partnerships that they are building or expanding. Your application will not be judged by what stage your partnership is in, but by the **team's commitment to the sector partnership model and to moving partnerships forward in your region.**

## Due date and notification date

Please thoughtfully complete the application below and return it to [CWDC@state.co.us](mailto:CWDC@state.co.us) when complete. Award notification will be made via email within one month of application being received.

## Questions?

Contact Emily Templin Lesh at [Emily.Lesh@state.co.us](mailto:Emily.Lesh@state.co.us) or 303-318-8470 or contact Eric Mergens at [Eric.Mergens@state.co.us](mailto:Eric.Mergens@state.co.us). at 303-318-8038.

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First name:

Last name:

Contact Organization:

Street address:

city:

state:

zip:

phone number:

email:

Geographic Region Covered

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What sector partnership(s) are you focused on?

Is this a new or expanding sector partnership?

Which of the following best describes the stage that your sector partnership is in (select one):

**Exploring:** Infancy stage. Working to identify partners who would be involved and determining if the partnership makes sense for the region.

**Emerging:** Identified the partners and launching or launched.

**Expanding:** Mature sector partnership. Expanding geographically or within the industry to meet unfulfilled needs, and makes sense for the region.

Did one or more people from your team participate in the Convener Trainings in April-May 2013? How about Sectors Summit II in May 2014? If so, please list names.

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What is most compelling to your team about the sector partnership approach?

Please describe the development of your regional sector strategy team. What challenges has your team encountered? What have you identified for further development?

Are you still pursuing sector partnerships in the key industries that your regional sector partnership team identified at the Sectors Summit II, or have they changed? If they have changed, what factors led to this shift?

Please describe what commitments you have made to date for launching a sector partnership? What commitments have or will your partners make to sustaining sector partnerships after the launch meeting?

Please provide a brief description of your plans and timeline for launching or expanding your sector partnership. Please complete the chart below with as many details as possible. If one of the actions has not been completed, state your plans to complete it and any challenges you are facing.

Step (in convener training workbook)	Your Accomplishments or Plans	Timeline
<p><b>Identify convener team and what role each person will play</b></p> <p><i>Please provide the name, organizational affiliation, the role for the convener and co-convener. State specific plans to identify the convener if you have not.</i></p>		
<p><b>Identify and recruit employer leaders</b></p> <p><i>Have you secured commitment from an employer to lead the launch phase (short-term)? If so, who (name, affiliation, and role). If not, state plans to identify and recruit.</i></p>		
<p><b>Build the list of potential employer champions</b></p> <p><i>Provide specific names and affiliation</i></p>		
<p><b>Set a launch meeting date and location</b></p> <p><i>Provide the date or location or plans to identify.</i></p>		
<p><b>Hold the launch meeting</b></p> <p><i>Outcomes from the launch meeting and/or plans moving forward.</i></p>		
<p><b>Organizing the aftermath</b></p> <p><i>Describe immediate next steps for your partnership.</i></p>		

If intensive technical assistance is received, you will be asked to briefly document the steps your team is taking and the key outcomes. This information will help us understand the effectiveness of the technical assistance and also help us collect metrics so that we can better communicate the impact of sector partnerships in Colorado.

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What do you see as your partnership's top 2-3 areas of need for technical assistance?

What is your vision for the sector partnership in 1 year? 5 years?

YOU ARE DONE!  
**THANK YOU**