



MEMORANDUM

To: NWCCOG Economic Development District Board of Directors
From: Rachel Tuyn, EDD Director
Date: March 12, 2025
Re: Opportunity Now Northwest Region Talent Summit on June 3

The Vail Valley in the NWCCOG region is honored to have been selected as one of the seven Regional Hosts across the state for the upcoming [Opportunity Now Regional Talent Summits](#). These summits, initiated by [House Bill 24-1365](#), aim to address workforce shortages by convening regional stakeholders to discuss economic and workforce needs, as well as the programs and resources that can address those needs. The summits will result in two- and five-year tactical workforce plans designed to develop career pathways in fields facing regional workforce challenges.

Vail Valley Partnership is serving as the Northwest Regional Host, including the following counties: Eagle, Grand, Jackson, Pitkin, Summit, Routt, Park. NWCCOG is partnering with VVP to do outreach for this effort.

For this one-day summit, we have identified three high-priority industries to focus on: **Hospitality/Tourism, Construction & Skilled Trades, and Healthcare**. While we recognize the importance of other key industries in our region, these summits serve as a starting point for collaboratively developing workforce solutions that foster economic growth opportunities.

Due to the focused nature of these summits, they will be limited to roughly 100 attendees. This convening is not a conference, networking event, nor listening session, but an in-person outcomes-focused working session. Consequently, these statewide summits are invite-only, and we welcome the region's recommendations for key industry representatives in Hospitality & Tourism, Construction & Skilled Trades, and Healthcare. Ideally, we ask that there be no more than one employer representative to ensure space for other regional employer perspectives, and representatives should have decision-making authority.

Please share your business participant suggestions using this [Regional Planning Document](#) by **March 24**. Please add your representatives to the "Regional List" tab with name, organization, and email address. We will let you know who ends up on the final list, and invitations will go out soon after since the convening is slated to occur June 3 in Edwards, Colorado.

Since not everyone will be able to participate in the summits directly, please know that a statewide summit synopsis, a regional summit outcomes report and the resulting regional

workforce plans will be publicly available in the 2025 Talent Pipeline Report for broad access and review.

We are excited to serve our region and work collaboratively with you in preparation for this impactful convening. The Office of Economic Development & International Trade (OEDIT) will be updating its [Opportunity Now Regional Talent Summits](#) web page shortly, and should you have questions specific to our region's summit, you may contact [Chris Romer](#), CEO at Vail Valley Partnership. Thank you in advance for your partnership!