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### Arvada Chamber's Dot Wright Honored!

Arvada Chamber of Commerce President Dot Wright was honored as one of Denver's dynamic, up-and-coming business leaders at the *Denver Business Journal's* Forty Under 40 Luncheon held on March 18. This event recognized forty outstanding local professionals under age 40 for their business success and community contributions.

### Primestar Earns JEC Industry Award

PrimeStar Solar earned the prestigious Jefferson Economic Council (JEC) Industry Appreciation Award as an outstanding company in Jefferson County. PrimeStar Solar is a manufacturer of high per-



formance thin film photovoltaic (PV) modules. These modules will be deployed in large scale solar PV power plants and will efficiently tap into the vast energy potential of the sun. They will produce environmentally friendly renewable electricity that is economically competitive with electric power generated from conventional fossil fuels. The theme for this year's JEC awards breakfast, held on March 25 at the Arvada Center, was "Reaching the Summit – Peak Performers in Jefferson County." Nominees came from all corners of Jefferson County and were some of the County's most outstanding companies. PrimeStar indeed fits that category!

### Sooper Credit Union Business of the Year



The Arvada Chamber of Commerce honored Sooper Credit Union as the 2009 Business of the Year for its outstanding contributions to the Arvada community during the Chamber's Annual Dinner in January. Lloyd King opened the first King Soopers in Olde Town Arvada in 1947. Sooper Credit Union followed soon after in 1951 with 8 employees of King Soopers who contributed \$157 in original capital. In 2006, Sooper Credit Union merged with

Colorado Central Credit Union adding approximately 18,000 members and \$71 million in assets, growing it to the 10th largest credit union in the State of Colorado. Employees of Sooper Credit Union are very involved in many community activities including the recent expansion of the Arvada Food Bank, AEDA, and the Community Involvement Activists Committee.

### King Soopers to Expand at W. 80th Avenue and Wadsworth

You may have heard that King Soopers at W. 80th and Wadsworth will embark on a major expansion project beginning soon. The Arvada store will grow from 72,000 sq. ft. to over 126,000 sq. ft. Neighborhood meetings will be held with residents adjacent to the shopping center and businesses within the center to discuss construction plans for the new store. At this time, King Soopers plans to remain open during construction. Expected completion is estimated at about 19 months.

### Invest in Arvada!



The Invest in Arvada initiative has been launched! "Proud Arvada Business" window stickers were mailed to a large number of businesses in the community. If we missed you, please contact the AEDA office and we will send you one of your own! The campaign will include encouraging citizens to watch for the stickers and patronize those stores, so please put them in a prominent location. Businesses that would like to purchase more of the "Invest in Arvada" eco-friendly bags should contact the AEDA office. For more information, contact AEDA at 720-898-7010.

### Main Street Efficiency Initiative

In partnership with the Governor's Energy Office, the City of Arvada will be offering grants and rebates to businesses that perform energy efficiency upgrades. These upgrades may include energy audits, light bulb replacement, insulation, HVAC, and water heaters. The program will begin the summer of 2010. Visit <http://arvada.org/sustainability/> for news and tips on recycling and trash, transportation, building and homes, water, and other Arvada Sustainable Action Plan (ASAP) subjects, or call the Sustainability Coordinator at 720-898-7511 for more information.

### Community Profile Now Available

The 2010 Arvada Community Profile is now online and hard copies are ready for distribution to Arvada businesses. The Profile features demographic information such as Arvada's population, number of households, household incomes, education levels, cost of living comparisons, and much more. Arvada businesses may request copies by calling AEDA at 720-898-7010.

### Leadership Arvada Continues



In September 2009, AEDA and the Arvada Chamber of Commerce joined forces to bring the inaugural Leadership Arvada program to the community. The original 26 members of the 2009-2010 class have participated in monthly sessions which were designed to give current and future community leaders a competitive edge. Aaron Skoff noted, "Leadership Arvada has had a great deal of impact on me. It's pretty much opened my eyes to where my goals are and how they are changing." This successful series of classes is now in the planning stages for the 2010-2011

session and already has a waiting list. Applications for the next series will be available in May. For more information, check [www.arvadachamber.org](http://www.arvadachamber.org) or call the Chamber office at 303-424-0313.

**Upcoming BEST Sessions**

Take advantage of upcoming Business Education Series Training (BEST) sessions offered through a partnership of Jefferson County municipalities and non-profit business organizations. Presented for the purpose of encouraging successful growth in the present challenging business climate, these seminars are relevant, diverse, and affordable!

**What to Know About Running a Home-Based Business** will be presented on Friday, May 21 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Lakewood Cultural Center located at 480 S. Allison. The presentation is FREE! This session is offered by the City of Lakewood. Call 303-987-7734 for more information or to register.

**Buyer Behavior - Helping Your Customers Find You** will be presented by the Jefferson County Business Resource Center (JCBRC) and the West Chamber on Friday, June 11, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This session will take place at the JCBRC office at 1667 Cole Boulevard, Building 19, Suite 400. The cost is \$20. For more information and to register, call 303-996-8976.

To get more information and to register for any BEST classes, visit the BEST home page at <http://www.jeffcobrc.org/BusinessEducation/>

**PTAC Comes To Jeffco**

In our February/March issue we reported that the Colorado Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) would be opening an office in Colorado Springs. Good news! Now the Colorado PTAC staff will also open a satellite office in Jefferson County that will serve the metro Denver area. The Jefferson Economic Council (JEC) offered PTAC the use of one of its dedicated offices in the Denver West Office Park. There is a great deal of interest in government procurement in Jefferson County, which has one of the highest numbers of companies in the State receiving SBIR and STTR Federal research grants, and houses two of the largest prime government contractors—Lockheed Martin and Ball Aerospace and Technologies. Information about PTAC can be found at [www.jeffco.org/home](http://www.jeffco.org/home) or contact Michelle Claymore of JEC at 720-544-5503.

**“State of the City” Update For Businesses**

The Arvada City Council and AEDA will host an informational session regarding what is happening in Arvada. A representative from each Arvada business is invited to attend the “State of the City” update and forum. Updates will be presented by City staff and City Council members. Resources from organizations such as the Jefferson County Workforce Center, Jefferson County Business Resource Center, code enforcement, sales tax/finance, funding sources, etc., will be available for one-on-one meetings. The breakfast and forum will take place at the Arvada Center on April 20 from 7:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Breakfast will be provided for one person from each business at no cost; additional tickets for extra guests may be purchased for \$15 (advance payment required). Call AEDA at 720-898-7010 for more information or to register.

**New Arvada Businesses**

**Anderson Chiropractic** is now open at 7878 Wadsworth Boulevard, Suite 240.

**Blue River Catering and Personal Chef** is located at 5604 Kendall Court – Rocky Mountain Commissary.

**Book Cranny** located to 7580 Grant Place in Olde Town Arvada.

**Burrito King** is open at 5604 Kendall Court in the Rocky Mountain Commissary.

**Catton’s Auto Body & RV Repair** located to 5425 W. 80th Avenue, Suite 32.

**Columbine Natural Health Center** located to 5275 Marshall Street, Suite 102.

**Comtec Wash Systems** located to 14825 W. 68th Avenue and specializes in car wash supplies.

**Dayspring Counseling** is open at 7878 W. 80th Place, Unit 1G.

**El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant** is located at 5390 Wadsworth ByPass (former Bennigans building).

**Elite Reef** is a fish and aquarium store at 8410 Wadsworth Boulevard, Unit F.

**Endangered Species**, offering custom printed t-shirts, opened at 5611 Kendall Court.

**Jacobs Home Appliance and More LLC** located to 9582 W. 58th Avenue and specializes in appliance repair.

**Mobile Computer Specialists** is a supply and repair business located at 7597 W. 66th Avenue, Suite 203.

**Nutrigenics Group**, which provides third party benefits and drug testing, located to 6520 Wadsworth Boulevard.

**Prestige Beauty Salon** located to 10388 Ralston Road.

**Reconnection of Arvada**, a therapy center, opened at 12191 W. 64th Avenue, Suite 306.

**Zenith Administrators** is open at 5511 W. 56th Avenue, Suite 250.



**INVEST IN ARVADA**  
Shop Smart Shop Local.

**SPRING**  
into shopping locally because:

- 1. It keeps your dollars in Arvada.**  
Dollars spent in local businesses create jobs, fund City services through sales tax, invest in neighborhood improvement, contribute to local schools and worthy causes, and promote community development.
- 2. It protects Arvada’s character and charm.**  
Many people say that Arvada has kept its “hometown feel” and that has a lot to do with our diverse business community. By choosing to support local businesses, you help maintain our community’s diverse and distinctive character.
- 3. It promotes competition**  
A marketplace full of small, medium, and large businesses is the best way to ensure innovation and low prices over the long-term. Over 3,800 businesses, from home-based to the largest employer, call Arvada home, with each offering products or services based on their own interests, expertise, and needs of their customers.