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## Strengthening workforce in focus at State of the City

DENVER—With the lowest unemployment rate in Colorado’s recorded history and growing demands for skilled workers, businesses are partnering across industries and sectors to build tomorrow’s workforce. Hundreds of community and business leaders will hear from those tackling this challenge on Tuesday, Aug. 8, at the **State of the City** following keynotes from **Mayors Michael B. Hancock and Cathy Noon**.

**WHAT:** The Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce [State of the City luncheon](#), presented by EKS&H and JPMorgan Chase & Co., is an annual event that engages hundreds of business professionals in a conversation with our metro area leaders each year about the future of the region.

**WHO:** **Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock and Centennial Mayor Cathy Noon** will provide keynote addresses, reflecting on the past year and outlining next steps to keep Denver and the metro region moving forward.

**Chamber President and CEO Kelly Brough** will moderate a panel on workforce development with local and international leaders who play a role in this space:

- **Marie Davis**, executive director of 100,000 Opportunities Initiative
- **Israel Juarez**, youth engagement strategist for the Denver Opportunity Youth Initiative
- **Stephen A. Patrick**, executive director of the Aspen Forum for Community Solutions at the Aspen Institute
- **Pam Sandlian Smith**, director of Anything Libraries

Mayor Hancock will also recognize **Don Bain, of counsel for Bryan Cave LLP**, as the recipient of the Monte Pascoe Civic Leadership Award, recognizing his leadership, work to improve the community and efforts to fight for justice and equal opportunity for all.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, Aug. 8: 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.: networking and registration; 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.: luncheon and program.

**WHERE:** Hyatt Regency Denver at the Colorado Convention Center, 650 15<sup>th</sup> St.

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