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Dear Noelle,

As 2008 comes to a close, NCEDC would like to take the opportunity to thank all our partners and investors for another successful year. We have continued to raise the bar for a regional economy that is strong enough to withstand tough economic times in our country. We know that now is the time to be fully engaged in the future direction for Northern Colorado and expect 2009 to continue a steady up trend.

Fort Collins / Loveland, CO Ranked 48 in US Best-Performing Cities in 2008

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In the Milken Institute report, ***Best-Performing Cities 2008, Where America's Jobs are Created and Sustained***, Northern Colorado was ranked in the top 50 out of 361 statistical areas. Fort Collins / Loveland, counted as one area went from a 75 ranking in 2007 to 48 in 2008. Denver / Aurora jumped from 106 to 44 and Greeley jumped 9 to a ranking of 20. This index measures which US metro areas are the most successful with job retention/creation, job quality, where wages are increasing and where businesses are growing and thriving.

Congratulations to Colorado as a state and our region for continuing to grow and thrive in the midst of tumultuous economic times for our nation.

About the Milken Institute

"The Milken Institute is an independent economic think tank whose mission is to improve the lives and economic conditions of diverse populations in the United States and around the world by helping business and public policy leaders identify and implement innovative ideas for creating broad-based prosperity."

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Congratulations Envirofit for making the Best of What's New list for 2008 in Popular Science Magazine

Powered by NCEDC

Companies are changing the world, and some are located right in our own backyard. Envirofit is one such company who recently made international news by being listed as Best of What's New in 2008 in the Green Tech category for Popular Science magazine. They recieved the award for their Envirofit Cookstoves that use less fuel with a higher heat production that allows for faster cooking all while creating less smoke thus reducing toxic emissions.



NCEDC is proud to have been a part of promoting Envirofit to our partners at Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation and DCI. We would like to thank MDED and DCI for making the connections to publications like Popular Science magazine, that help bring our regions innovations to an international audience.

[Check out the full article...](#)

Northern Colorado Legislative Alliance (NCLA) Update

Stay up to date on the latest NCLA headlines of legislative issues that affect the business community of Northern Colorado:

[Legislative Economists Predict Rising Tax Receipts for 2009-10](#)

[Expect Legal Challenges to Amendment 54](#)

Read about it at www.nclaonline.net

Poverty Study Information

NCEDC coordinated the study's funding for the Poverty Study because of our interest in workforce and education as it pertains to the region's economic strength and vitality.

"Creating jobs that offer career ladders for people regardless of education is an essential step forward," said Maury Dobbie, president and CEO of NCEDC. "Reducing poverty is an economic development issue as well

[Check out Envirofit.org...](#)

NCEDC Promotes Trade and Economic Development with Japan and China

By Partnering with CSU, Governor Ritter and the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT)

Maury Dobbie, President/CEO of NCEDC, was asked to join the delegation on a two country trade mission to Japan and China. This unique opportunity will promote economic development and trade within several of Colorado's key industry clusters: bioscience, renewable energy, and tourism.

Maury joined the Governor's trade mission to Canada last year where we garnered positive results by forging relationships in clean energy and bioscience while strengthening Northern Colorado's stature with the Governor's office and others. "My goal will be to represent the state with a focus with CSU on the assets of Northern Colorado in the two industry clusters." said Maury Dobbie, president and CEO of NCEDC. "We will be successful if we further nurture relationships already begun and build new ones for the state and Northern Colorado."

Results of the trade mission include:

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