

Advisory Councils

An industry advisory council can be a helpful addition to an expansion program. By including active members from several industry sectors, an economic development agency can deploy these individuals to gather information and bring back pertinent information about what is happening in each sector. They can help determine what companies may be at risk, make important introductions, and work with the team to find solutions.

The members should represent the industry segments that are most significantly represented in the community, and their roles should be clearly defined at the initial meeting of the group.

The Council for Local Industry

Since 2007, the Colorado Springs Regional Economic Development Corporation has had an advisory board comprised exclusively of representatives from Local Industry. These individuals help to guide the Local Industry Program, as well as provide input on the services provided to Local Industry.

Dan Malinaric (Chair) Managing Director/Site Manager, Atmel

Jeff Beauprez President, Colorado Networks

Barry Baum President (Retired), Western Forge Corporation

Chris Hufman Vice President, T. Rowe Price

Elaine Thorndike Colorado Association for Manufacturing & Technology

Jill Webb Vice President, Central Bancorp

Steve Wychulis Director of Corporate Development, CEA Technologies



"I have enjoyed my relationship with EDC over the last several years. They have been responsive and very helpful with some difficult issues. The Local Industry team is dedicated to improving the business climate for local employers."

- Dan Malinaric, Managing Director and Site Manager, Atmel