

# President's Community-Based Job Training Grants

*Aims Community College*

**AWARD AMOUNT:** \$818,691

**AREA SERVED:** Loveland, Larimer and Weld Counties, Colorado

**INDUSTRY:** Automotive

**KEY PARTNERS AND LEVERAGED RESOURCES:** \$864,453 in leveraged resources from five employer partners, a workforce partner and two education partners

**CHALLENGES AND CONSTRAINTS:** Colorado's Front Range region is currently experiencing a demand for skilled automotive technicians that is outstripping supply. The participating community colleges are constrained by a lack of available classroom space and up-to-date technical equipment needed for automotive training programs.

**ACTIVITIES:** Working with its workforce, business and high-school partners, the college will offer a number of National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) - approved certificates and associate degrees in automotive service technology through the Northern Colorado Automotive Service Technology Expansion Project. Technical training will combine hands-on activities with classroom learning in conventional and fast-track formats. Dual-credit programs will be offered to secondary students in conjunction with mentoring and summer internships. The college will conduct a marketing and outreach campaign to recruit individuals into the training program.

**PROJECTED OUTCOMES:**

- 130 individuals will receive training through the automotive service technology program under the grant;
- A minimum of 145 certificates in automotive service technology will be awarded;
- A minimum of 10 degrees in automotive service technology will be awarded; and
- A minimum of 40 students will enter the automotive industry.

