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Robert "Rocky" Scott

Director, Business Development, Woodward Governor Company

Robert "Rocky" Scott is the director for business development at Woodward Governor Company. In this role he focuses on business development for intellectual property. Rocky came to Northern Colorado in 2005 to join Loveland-based developer McWhinney. He served as president of the Centerra development and held the title of Principal of Strategy and Business Development. Prior to joining McWhinney, Scott led the Greater Colorado Springs Economic Development Corporation for 16 years.

Rocky has a technical background, having earned a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Colorado State University. He joined General Electric upon graduation and served as an engineering project manager for the Department of Defense. Currently, he serves on the CSU College of Engineering Dean's Advisory Board.

The Economists



Dr. John Green Regional Economist and Consultant

Dr. Green served as columnist, economic database manager and economic growth adviser for the *Northern Colorado Business Report* since 1997. He is also an economic consultant for Federal, state and local governments, associations and federations and many private companies.

Dr. Green received his Ph.D. and MA in Regional Science, University of Pennsylvania. His M.S. in Agricultural Economics is from Oklahoma State University. From 1975 to 2006 he was a faculty affiliate, Agricultural Economics Department at Colorado State University. From 1999-2006 Dr. Green was a trade risk economist with the USDA in Fort Collins. Prior to that he was a professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Northern Colorado.



Rhonda R. Corman

Economics Professor, University of Northern Colorado

Rhonda R. Corman is a native of northeastern Colorado. She received an A.A. in Accounting from Northeastern Junior College, a B.A. in Economics from the University of Northern Colorado, and an M.A. in Economics from Colorado State University. After instructing economics at Front Range Community College for five years, Corman returned to her baccalaureate Alma Mater, UNC, as a lecturer for the Economics Department in the fall of 1998. In 2009 she was appointed faculty research fellow within UNC's Center for Engaged Research and Civic Action. She serves as a community resource consultant working with Upstate Colorado Economic Development and the City of Greeley. In the summer of 2009, Corman attended a week-long seminar at the New England Complex Systems Institute at MIT in Cambridge, Mass., where she studied complexity science theory and applications. Her research interests are in regional impact analysis and regionalized weighting schematics; economics of education; complexity methodologies and agent-based modeling; applied sustainability and place building; historical economic philosophy; and feminist economic thought.

The Agenda

11:00 am	Registration
11:45 am	Welcome
12:15 pm	Presentation
1:00 pm	Questions & Answers

Panel Members



Tom Plant Director, Governor's Energy Office, State of Colorado

Tom Plant was appointed by Governor Bill Ritter to be the director of the Governor's Energy Office in 2007. Prior to heading the GEO, Tom was executive director of the nonprofit Center for ReSource Conservation. He also served in the Colorado House of Representatives from 1998 through 2006 including two years as chairman of the House Appropriations committee and one year as chairman of the Joint Budget Committee.

During his tenure in the General Assembly, Tom was named Legislator of the Year by the University of Colorado and the Sierra Club of Colorado.

Leading into his House of Representatives experience Tom worked in the Climate Change Department of the Union of Concerned Scientists in Washington, D.C., where he explored the causes of global climate change and policy options to address the threats of climate change. A graduate of Colorado State University, Tom has also worked as an exploration geologist in Oklahoma and taught school in Central America.



Kelly Peters Chief Operations Officer, Rocky Mountain Innovation Initiative (RMI2)

Kelly Peters is the chief operations officer of the RMI2. She is the director of the Larimer BioScience Cluster as well as the Director of the Rocky Mountain Geospatial Cluster. Her primary functions are to retain and expand growing Northern Colorado companies.

Prior to these roles Kelly was Economic Development Manager for the City of Fort Collins and City of Greeley as well as serving in the capacity of Executive Director of the Loveland Center for Business Development for seven years.

Kelly holds a B.A. in Business Administration from CSU, an emphasis in Human Resources and a certification in Economic Development Finance. Kelly has an active civic background with former and current board and committee roles in numerous Northern Colorado organizations.

Kelly was recognized by the Northern Colorado Business Report as one of the top 40 business people under the age of 40 making a difference in Northern Colorado in 2004.



Rich Shannon District Manager, Pinnacle Consulting Group, Inc.

Rich Shannon joined Pinnacle Consulting Group Inc. in 2008 after working on the 3500 acre Centerra project in Loveland for five years, where he held the position of vice president of Centerra. Rich has a variety of experiences with public-private financing partnerships including work with downtown development authorities and business improvement districts.

Rich also worked at RS Wells, LLC, a consulting firm in metro. Prior to Wells, LLC, Rich spent over 20 years in the public sector employed by the cities of Lakewood and Fort Collins. He has held the positions of deputy city manager, community development director and utilities director.

His formal education includes a B.S. in Engineering Management from the United States Air Force Academy, a masters degree in Public Administration from the University of Colorado at Denver and completion of the Harvard University Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government.



Don Childears President/CEO, Colorado Bankers Association

Don Childears has served as president/CEO of the Colorado Bankers Association since 1980, and has lobbied for banking since 1975. Prior to that he successfully performed legislative analysis and campaign coordination for a Congressman from Colorado.

Don received his Juris Doctor from the University of Denver College of Law in 1981; completed the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado, University of Colorado, in 1978; and obtained a BSBA (Marketing) from Colorado State University in 1973.

CBA-related activities have included ABA BankPac, Colorado Competitive Council Steering Committee, BancInsure and ABA Graduate Schools of Banking.

He frequently speaks, lectures or teaches courses on government, political influence, and banking, varying from teaching at banking schools to appearing on NBC Nightly News to addressing the ABA's Annual Convention in 1992.

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