

CASTLE ROCK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Castle Rock Grows, Draws New Primary Employers

The Town of Castle Rock is an affluent and growing community, with an educated and highly skilled work force. Our 41,000 residents love the small-town charm, wide open spaces and fresh clean air. The Town's new business-friendly culture makes it an ideal location to locate and expand a business.

The Town of Castle Rock has averaged an annual growth rate of 11.6 percent for the past six years. In 2005, CNN Money Magazine (2005 Best Places to Live) ranked Castle Rock No. 1 in job growth in the nation. The Town of Castle Rock is the county seat for Douglas County, ranked as the second-richest county in the nation in 2005, with a median income family income of \$92,732 (U.S. Census Bureau). In November 2006, Business Week Magazine ranked Castle Rock No. 9 of the 25

"best and most affordable suburbs in the United States."

To enhance its reputation further, the Town of Castle Rock is streamlining its development and building plan review processes. Building plans can now be submitted electronically, significantly reducing processing time. Yes, Castle Rock has become business-friendly, while maintaining an exceptional quality of life.

Fifty-four percent of all Castle Rock businesses are home-based. The Castle Rock Economic Development Council (CREDCO), the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce, the Douglas County government and the Douglas County Libraries are joining forces to provide "economic gardening" services to entrepreneurs - providing the market, finance and financial management intelligence that grows

businesses.

More than 125 businesses opened or expanded in Castle Rock in 2006, representing over 500,000 square feet of commercial space. Primary employment diversity has expanded with the addition of such firms as New World Mill Works and Primrose Schools. The Town's retail sector continues to grow as well. In 2007, Lowes Home Improvement, Office Max, Michaels, Linens N Things, and many others will be opening in Castle Rock.

On May 1, Health One's Sky Ridge Medical Center opened a new 20,000-square-foot state-of-the-art imaging center and specialty doctor facility in the Elk Crossing Business Park. The Medical Center has invested more than \$4 million in state-of-the-art equipment to provide our citizens with sophisticated diagnostic services.

Catlin Properties is constructing 30,000

square feet of medical offices in the Meadows. Crimson Services, LLC is completing over 30,000 square feet of office condominiums in The Overlook at Castle Rock. AD Business Properties, LLC will add 45,000 square feet of office space to The Elk Crossing Business Park. Castle Cornerstone continues to draw businesses to The Courtyard at Castle Rock and the Meadows Crossing office building is becoming a center for community commerce.

Aligning school curriculum with the skills needed by business and industry, the Douglas County School District and Arapahoe Community College are working with business and industry leaders to ensure that our graduates are equipped with the skills needed to compete in the 21st century economy. We are also bringing bachelors and

masters level courses to the Town of Castle Rock.

Downtown Castle Rock is the focal point for community spirit, small-town charm and boutique retail. Castle Rock's Downtown Advisory Commission is engaging Town residents and business leaders in the development of a Downtown Master Plan, a Historic Preservation Plan and a Downtown Parking Plan. In support of downtown merchants and in conjunction with Douglas County's office expansion, the Town of Castle Rock is investing \$1.4 million to add another floor to the county's new parking garage.

For information regarding Castle Rock's explosive growth, contact David Mitchem at the Castle Rock Economic Development Council: David@credco.org (303) 688-7488.

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Castle Rock
 Chamber of
 Commerce

WORKING TOGETHER AS THE VOICE OF BUSINESS

The Economic Development Council is dedicated to...

- Increasing Employment Opportunities
- Providing Commercial Real Estate Options
- Helping Businesses Grow
- Attracting Targeted Businesses
- Providing Current Demographics Data



The Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce is committed to...

- Creating a Strong Local Economy
- Promoting the Community
- Advocating Political Action
- Providing Networking Opportunities
- Representing Business to Government

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Where Business and Values are on a First Name Basis

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