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Bill Ritter, Jr.
Governor

Dear Colleague:

The Colorado Jobs Cabinet, which released its recommendations to me in August 2009, shined a spotlight on the importance of employment certification programs that assist employers in finding quality, highly skilled employees. The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment is now offering a CareerReady Colorado Certificate to help employers connect with capable employees. These certificates identify employee skills and abilities that employers seek to ensure success on the job.

The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment certification is earned by taking a series of skill assessment tests. Employees that successfully complete the required exams will receive a CareerReady Colorado Certificate that provides concrete proof of a worker's skills and abilities. Recipients of the certificate will be able to showcase their abilities to potential employers.

The CareerReady Colorado Certificate is a *credential* all employers should ask for when interviewing candidates, posting jobs with local Workforce Centers or online at www.connectingcolorado.org. To learn more, go to www.CareerReadyColorado.org or contact your nearest Workforce Center for more information.

I hope that the CareerReady Colorado Certificate will help to successfully and quickly connect employers and employees as we move Colorado forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Ritter, Jr.".

Bill Ritter, Jr.
Governor