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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the provision of the Immigration Act of 1990 and the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 8, Part 204.6, the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Office of Labor Market Information, is delegated the authority to certify areas within Colorado which qualify as Targeted Employment Areas.

The role of the Office of Labor Market Information in this process is limited to the identification and certification of qualified Targeted Employment Areas or certification of areas identified by interested parties which meet the definition of a Targeted Employment Area.

To qualify as a Targeted Employment Area, a geographic area must either be a Rural Area or an area experiencing high unemployment. A Rural Area is defined as any area other than an area within a metropolitan statistical area or within the outer boundary of any city or town having a population of 20,000 or more based on the most recent decennial census of the United States. To be considered an area of high unemployment, the area must be a contiguous geographic or political subdivision with an unemployment rate of at least 150 percent of the national average. In calendar year 2010 the qualifying unemployment rate was 14.4 percent, which is 150 percent of the national average unemployment rate of 9.6 percent.

Following this letter is a list of Colorado counties which meet the definition of a Targeted Employment Area as a Rural Area and a list of Census tracts and other areas certified as Targeted Employment Areas for having an unemployment rate of 14.4 percent or greater.

The Office of Labor Market Information can validate and certify other geographies meeting the definition of an area of high unemployment upon request.

Sincerely,

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A Rural Area is defined as any area other than an area within a metropolitan statistical area or within the outer boundary of any city or town having a population of 20,000 or more based on the 2000 decennial census of the United States. The following Colorado counties each qualify as a Targeted Employment Area by this definition:

Alamosa	Gunnison	Otero
Archuleta	Hinsdale	Ouray
Baca	Huerfano	Phillips
Bent	Jackson	Pitkin
Chaffee	Kiowa	Prowers
Cheyenne	Kit Carson	Rio Blanco
Conejos	La Plata	Rio Grande
Costilla	Lake	Routt
Crowley	Las Animas	Saguache
Custer	Lincoln	San Juan
Delta	Logan	San Miguel
Dolores	Mineral	Sedgwick
Eagle	Moffat	Summit
Fremont	Montezuma	Washington
Garfield	Montrose	Yuma
Grand	Morgan	

To be considered an area of high unemployment, the area must be a contiguous geographic or political subdivision with an unemployment rate of at least 150 percent of the national average. In calendar year 2010 the qualifying unemployment rate was 14.4 percent, which is 150 percent of the national average unemployment rate of 9.6 percent.

Single census tract areas in Colorado that qualify as high unemployment areas are:

County	Census tract	County	Census tract	County	Census tract
Adams	08001007800	Denver	08031001402	Jefferson	08059010000
Adams	08001007900	Denver	08031001403	Jefferson	08059010208
Adams	08001008000	Denver	08031001500	Jefferson	08059010305
Adams	08001008100	Denver	08031001900	Jefferson	08059010402
Adams	08001008308	Denver	08031002402	Jefferson	08059010403
Adams	08001008603	Denver	08031002601	Jefferson	08059010405
Adams	08001008604	Denver	08031003500	Jefferson	08059011400
Adams	08001008703	Denver	08031003601	Jefferson	08059011601
Adams	08001008706	Denver	08031003602	Jefferson	08059011602
Adams	08001008801	Denver	08031004101	Jefferson	08059012003
Adams	08001009101	Denver	08031004501	Larimer	08069001306
Adams	08001009501	Denver	08031005400	Mesa	08077000601
Arapahoe	08005005350	Denver	08031008304	Mesa	08077000602
Arapahoe	08005005700	Denver	08031008305	Mesa	08077000700
Arapahoe	08005006000	Denver	08031008306	Mesa	08077001302
Arapahoe	08005006400	Douglas	08035014123	Mesa	08077001704
Arapahoe	08005006951	Douglas	08035014300	Pueblo	08101000600
Arapahoe	08005007007	Douglas	08035014503	Pueblo	08101000700
Arapahoe	08005007084	El Paso	08041000302	Pueblo	08101000800
Arapahoe	08005007201	El Paso	08041002300	Pueblo	08101001000
Arapahoe	08005007202	El Paso	08041002800	Pueblo	08101001200
Arapahoe	08005007300	El Paso	08041003303	Pueblo	08101001400
Arapahoe	08005007400	El Paso	08041003800	Pueblo	08101002000
Arapahoe	08005007500	El Paso	08041004008	Pueblo	08101002300
Boulder	08013012401	El Paso	08041004009	Pueblo	08101002600
Broomfield	08013013110	El Paso	08041004400	Pueblo	08101002901
Denver	08031000201	El Paso	08041004508	Teller	08119010202
Denver	08031000202	El Paso	08041005000	Weld	08123000200
Denver	08031000701	El Paso	08041005103	Weld	08123000500
Denver	08031000702	El Paso	08041005201	Weld	08123000600
Denver	08031000800	El Paso	08041005300	Weld	08123000701
Denver	08031000904	El Paso	08041005400	Weld	08123001002
Denver	08031001102	El Paso	08041006100	Weld	08123002002
Denver	08031001302				

Colorado census tract maps can be found at [http://www2.census.gov/plmap/pl\\_trt/st08\\_Colorado/](http://www2.census.gov/plmap/pl_trt/st08_Colorado/)

Multi census tract areas in Colorado that qualify as high unemployment areas include, but are not limited to:

In the Denver Metropolitan combined area, census tracts in Denver, Broomfield, Adams, Arapahoe and Jefferson Counties were joined to create a qualifying Targeted Employment Area.

Denver Metropolitan Combined Area Unemployment Rate: 14.65%
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Tract Number	Unemployment Rate	Tract Number	Unemployment Rate	Tract Number	Unemployment Rate
08001007800	21.86%	08005007007	16.73%	08031002601	20.42%
08001007900	17.08%	08005007008	13.92%	08031003500	22.55%
08001008000	17.63%	08005007015	8.46%	08031003601	31.53%
08001008100	31.06%	08005007018	12.19%	08031003602	19.40%
08001008200	13.49%	08005007201	15.75%	08031003800	4.05%
08001008308	16.50%	08005007202	22.62%	08031003901	8.18%
08001008603	19.98%	08005007300	18.56%	08031004101	16.49%
08001008604	15.77%	08005007400	15.98%	08031004303	1.99%
08001008703	14.92%	08005007500	15.34%	08031004306	6.70%
08001008706	18.85%	08005007703	12.83%	08031004403	12.27%
08001008801	15.74%	08013013110	15.57%	08031004405	13.49%
08001008802	14.39%	08013013111	5.27%	08031004501	15.24%
08001008901	14.05%	08031000201	17.99%	08031004502	13.49%
08001009001	12.20%	08031000202	17.41%	08031004602	13.20%
08001009003	11.84%	08031000301	11.62%	08031005103	10.07%
08001009101	18.26%	08031000401	12.76%	08031005104	12.12%
08001009104	11.74%	08031000600	13.79%	08031005300	12.18%
08001009203	9.53%	08031000701	20.49%	08031005400	14.63%
08001009323	12.64%	08031000702	22.75%	08031005502	4.70%
08001009324	9.06%	08031000800	34.28%	08031008304	16.35%
08001009408	4.83%	08031000902	13.12%	08031008305	16.16%
08001009501	17.87%	08031000904	19.27%	08031008306	14.80%
08001009502	14.05%	08031000905	12.05%	08031008312	11.92%
08001009553	13.05%	08031001000	14.06%	08031012001	6.03%
08001009604	12.92%	08031001101	13.85%	08059009805	9.33%
08001009606	13.61%	08031001102	17.16%	08059010208	15.45%
08001009607	13.51%	08031001301	6.20%	08059010211	13.71%
08001009750	14.01%	08031001302	16.95%	08059010305	16.18%
08005004950	14.30%	08031001401	12.29%	08059010402	15.48%
08005005350	19.37%	08031001402	14.56%	08059010403	14.74%
08005005552	10.75%	08031001403	17.56%	08059010405	21.65%
08005005700	17.06%	08031001500	18.76%	08059010406	11.15%
08005006000	15.12%	08031001600	10.95%	08059011400	15.48%
08005006100	7.81%	08031001900	30.76%	08059011601	19.98%
08005006300	14.30%	08031002000	6.13%	08059011602	15.44%
08005006400	14.47%	08031002402	17.36%	08059011904	12.93%
08005006951	17.93%	08031002403	13.00%	08059012003	20.02%

Census tracts in Boulder County were combined to create a qualifying Targeted Employment Area.

Boulder County Combined Area Unemployment Rate: 14.48%
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Tract Number	Unemployment Rate	Tract Number	Unemployment Rate	Tract Number	Unemployment Rate
08013012205	13.25%	08013012401	18.23%	08013012606	13.42%
08013012300	10.64%				

Census tracts in Douglas County were combined to create a qualifying Targeted Employment Area.

Douglas County Combined Area Unemployment Rate: 15.29%
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Tract Number	Unemployment Rate	Tract Number	Unemployment Rate	Tract Number	Unemployment Rate
08035014004	9.29%	08035014504	12.61%	08035014123	15.30%
08035014503	22.44%				

Census tracts in El Paso County were combined to create a qualifying Targeted Employment Area.

El Paso County Combined Area Unemployment Rate: 14.68%
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Tract Number	Unemployment Rate	Tract Number	Unemployment Rate	Tract Number	Unemployment Rate
08041000302	16.88%	08041003303	17.13%	08041005103	15.14%
08041000500	8.58%	08041003705	7.69%	08041005201	18.24%
08041000800	7.95%	08041003800	21.50%	08041005300	16.24%
08041001101	6.95%	08041004008	17.85%	08041005400	15.99%
08041001700	11.61%	08041004009	15.54%	08041006100	21.10%
08041002200	14.12%	08041004400	1.07%	08041006200	6.32%
08041002300	18.98%	08041004508	15.96%	08041006501	14.14%
08041002800	16.58%	08041005000	17.29%	08041006502	12.01%
08041002900	14.30%				

Census tracts in Larimer County were combined to create a qualifying Targeted Employment Area.

Larimer County Combined Area Unemployment Rate: 15.69%
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Tract Number	Unemployment Rate	Tract Number	Unemployment Rate	Tract Number	Unemployment Rate
08069000100	11.35%	08069001306	21.31%		

Census tracts in Pueblo County were combined to create a qualifying Targeted Employment Area.

Pueblo County Combined Area Unemployment Rate: 14.63%
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Tract Number	Unemployment Rate	Tract Number	Unemployment Rate	Tract Number	Unemployment Rate
08101000200	11.85%	08101001100	11.25%	08101002300	16.88%
08101000500	13.30%	08101001200	18.96%	08101002500	13.27%
08101000600	15.59%	08101001300	13.15%	08101002600	14.53%
08101000700	18.23%	08101001400	24.58%	08101002801	11.32%
08101000800	17.60%	08101001800	12.95%	08101002901	15.18%
08101000905	11.34%	08101002000	19.10%	08101002909	11.61%
08101001000	18.20%	08101002100	13.77%	08101003103	11.58%

Census tracts in Weld County were combined to create a qualifying Targeted Employment Area.

Weld County Combined Area Unemployment Rate: 14.66%
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Tract Number	Unemployment Rate	Tract Number	Unemployment Rate	Tract Number	Unemployment Rate
08123000100	12.00%	08123000701	25.70%	08123001100	10.01%
08123000200	19.40%	08123000702	14.27%	08123001300	12.16%
08123000402	11.12%	08123000800	12.39%	08123001600	11.24%
08123000500	28.71%	08123001001	11.09%	08123001700	9.79%
08123000600	17.79%	08123001002	15.79%	08123001800	12.15%