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## **International higher education leaders visit Colorado to study postsecondary-workforce innovation**

**Feb. 11, 2015** – StudyColorado, a program under the Colorado Department of Higher Education, will host a U.S. Department of State EducationUSA Leadership Institute Feb. 14-24. The event will bring 15 educators from Bangladesh, Brazil, Colombia, Ghana, India, Philippines, South Africa, Vietnam and Mexico to Colorado to explore opportunities for capacity building and international collaboration in the area of industry collaboration and innovation.

In partnership with the Colorado Innovation Network (COIN), StudyColorado is seeking to highlight ways in which Colorado's higher education institutions are working with industry to address research challenges, prepare students for the workforce and promote entrepreneurship and innovation. Following initial sessions with the Department and COIN, the group will visit a number of Denver area campuses before traveling to Colorado Springs, Greeley, Fort Collins and Boulder.

"We are thrilled that StudyColorado was chosen to host this distinguished group," said Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia, who serves as executive director of the Colorado Department of Higher Education. "This visit is a great opportunity for our campuses and for our state to showcase internationally what we're doing to promote innovation in Colorado and to share best practices about how higher education and industry collaborate."

The Colorado Institute is one of three leadership Institutes taking place across the U.S. The institutes are a component of the State Department's EducationUSA network, which includes hundreds of advising centers around the world that provide prospective international students with accurate, current and comprehensive information about U.S. higher education while supporting U.S. colleges' and universities' international student recruitment efforts.

During their 11-day stay in Colorado, the international guests will visit the University of Colorado Denver, Metropolitan State University of Denver, Red Rocks Community College, Arapahoe Community College, University of Colorado Colorado Springs, the University of Northern Colorado, Colorado State University and the University of Colorado Boulder.

### **About StudyColorado**

*StudyColorado is an initiative of the State of Colorado, its institutions of higher education and the Colorado business community. StudyColorado's primary goals are to support the internationalization*



*goals of the member institutions; create new economic opportunities for Colorado businesses through the influx of international students and their families; and to foster lasting relationships between international students and Colorado that will benefit international trade and investment.*

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