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### Lt. Gov. Garcia Announces Reverse Transfer Grant Award

**Denver** – Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia today announced the Colorado Department of Higher Education will receive \$450,000 to help implement “reverse transfer” policies between the state’s public institutions of higher education as part of a statewide initiative.

The “[Credit When It’s Due: Recognizing the Value of the Quality Associate Degree](#)” initiative is designed to encourage partnerships between community colleges and universities to significantly expand programs that award associate degrees to transfer students when the student completes the requirements for the associate degree while pursuing a bachelor’s degree. This approach is commonly known as “reverse back” or “reverse transfer.” The Colorado Department of Higher Education, with support from College-In-Colorado, is partnering with the Colorado Community College System, Metropolitan State University of Denver, University of Colorado-Colorado Springs, University of Colorado-Denver as well as Colorado State University-Pueblo.

“Creating pathways for degree attainment is critical to increasing the quality of the state’s workforce for today’s 21<sup>st</sup> century economy. These resources will help Colorado colleges and universities provide an effective avenue for students to complete a degree through the reverse transfer process,” said Lt. Gov. Garcia, Executive Director of the Department of Higher Education.

Five national foundations have joined forces in the initiative, providing a total of \$6.4 million in grants to help more students who have transferred from community colleges to four-year colleges and universities complete their associate degrees.

Funding for the initiative is provided by The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Helios Education Foundation, Kresge Foundation, Lumina Foundation, and USA Funds.

Lumina Foundation announcement:

[http://www.luminafoundation.org/newsroom/news\\_releases/2012-10-10.html](http://www.luminafoundation.org/newsroom/news_releases/2012-10-10.html)

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