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## VA to Build New Hospital in Aurora

The Veterans Administration will break ground later this year on a long discussed veterans hospital in Aurora and begin treating patients in 2013. The new 800,000-square-foot hospital on the grounds of the old Fitzsimons Army Medical Center will have about 200 beds, including 30 beds for a state-of-the-art spinal cord injury center. The VA also said it will create a new health care center, providing ambulatory care and same-day surgical services in Colorado Springs which will be managed in collaboration with the Department of Defense. - *Denver Business Journal*

## Ascent Solar Opens Headquarters, Factory in Thornton

Solar-panel manufacturer Ascent Solar Technologies, Inc. officially opens its new 145,000-square-foot world headquarters and manufacturing facility this week in Thornton. Ascent plans to add 180 to 200 jobs over the next two years. - *Denver Business Journal*

## Stimulus Package Will Create 59,000 Jobs for Colorado

A final total for the amount and distribution of the \$797 billion national stimulus allocated for Colorado is not yet available. However, the state is expecting approximately \$2 billion, with hopes of creating or saving 59,000 jobs. 90 percent of these jobs will be in the private sector. - *Denver Business Journal*

## Denver Showing California Some Love

The Metro Denver EDC is taking to the skies, the Internet, and California business publications to launch what they call a broad marketing initiative designed to create new jobs and investment throughout the nine-county region. Components of the marketing campaign included sending valentines to executives at 500 California companies, flying an 80-foot-long banner throughout metro Los Angeles, and purchasing advertising in dominate news sources to promote how Colorado is a perfect match for companies that are in a prime position for expansion or relocation. "Metro Denver is an attractive option for California companies because of our lower tax rates and cost of living," said Holli Baumunk, Vice President of the Metro Denver EDC. - *9News.com*

## USAA Adding Jobs in Colorado Springs

USAA, the insurance carrier and financial services giant, will add at least 250 customer service and claims positions to its Colorado Springs regional office. USAA will add the jobs no later than September 30, 2009. - *The Gazette*

## 100 New Jobs Coming to Northern Colorado

Executives at Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Fort Collins announced plans to bring 100 new jobs to the area with the opening of a new claims center. The company plans to have the center up and running in the southeast part of the city by May. A local economist expects the new jobs to result in around \$4.5 million a year in new spending.

- *9news.com*

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