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## **Technology Groups' Move Creates Partnerships to Grow Local Technology Economy**

Boulder, CO – May 14, 2008 – The Boulder Economic Council will announce on Thursday at its first Boulder Economic Summit that it has secured space to house both the Colorado Nanotechnology Association and the Colorado Photonics Industry Association at the offices of Ehrhardt, Keefe, Steiner and Hottman, PC in Boulder.

“The Economic Council is delighted that one of our members, EKS&H, has generously offered to house both of these offices in downtown Boulder,” said Boulder Economic Council Executive Director Frances Draper. “It demonstrates the Economic Council’s and the community’s commitment to making Boulder a center for innovative, high-tech industries.”

The CNA and CPIA offices are currently located in the Advance Colorado Center in the World Trade Center in downtown Denver. Because a large portion of both groups’ industry base is in the Boulder community, and they frequently work with the federal labs and the University of Colorado at Boulder, the move to Boulder will facilitate better collaboration.

The Advance Colorado Center represents the state’s diverse tech-based sectors including CBSA, the Colorado BioScience Association; CSIA, Colorado’s Technology Association; CORE, Connected Organizations for a Responsible Economy; CMAT, Colorado Association for Manufacturing and Technology; CTEK; and the Colorado Film Commission. With the move of their offices in late June to Boulder, CPIA and CNA will continue to be a part of the Advance Colorado Center as the first virtual participants.

CNA is a non-profit that serves as a catalyst organization to promote, educate, and unify industry, government, academia, and citizens with the benefits of nanotechnology commercialization in Colorado. They regularly bring the universities, local labs and business community together to collaborate on technology based research, development and commercialization. “The CNA is very pleased to be partnering with EKS&H and the Boulder Economic Council to promote technology-based economic development for Colorado,” said Debbie Woodward, executive director of the Colorado Nanotechnology Association.

To enhance the photonics industry, CPIA was founded in 1997 and now includes about 300 companies throughout the state. With more than 80 members including manufacturing, research, technology, development and governmental entities, the Association provides connections between photonics businesses and researchers including projects and tours of facilities such as a recent meeting at Ball Aerospace.

“This move just makes sense as these organizations represent cutting-edge companies that will help define the future of Colorado, and to have them located in Boulder, is truly an honor to the city,” said Howard Y. (H.Y.) Harris, CPA, J.D. at EKS&H. “Boulder has a strong technology community and is the ideal place for these organizations. We know how important they are to our clients.”

The support of CNA and CPIA's move to Boulder reflects the ongoing work of the Economic Council to create support mechanisms for innovative business to start and grow in Boulder. The Boulder Innovation Center, which the Boulder Economic Council helped launch two years ago, is also housed by another BEC member, Faegre & Benson LLP, in downtown Boulder. The BIC works with startups, and helps the University of Colorado Technology Transfer Office vet technologies turn them into commercial enterprises.

More information about CNA and CPIA is available at [www.coloradophotonics.org](http://www.coloradophotonics.org) and [www.coloradonanotechnology.org](http://www.coloradonanotechnology.org).

*The [Boulder Economic Council](#), part of the Boulder Chamber of Commerce, is a group of business and community leaders committed to Boulder and its economic well-being. The council supports the healthy business sector necessary to sustain the cultural amenities, education, transit, open space, and other facets of Boulder's outstanding quality of life. The group helps lead the community in creating an economic vision and strategy that fosters business retention and growth.*

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