

Redefining Future Facilities for the Benefit of Colorado

The University of Colorado at Boulder exists to educate, advance, and serve the people of Colorado. As Colorado's only comprehensive national public research university (and one of only 34 public institutions in the prestigious Association of American Universities), we play a significant role in the state's natural, cultural, and economic well-being and are engaged every day in the opportunities and challenges of the world.

Guided by *Flagship 2030*, our long-range strategic plan, we are working today to redefine learning and discovery in a global context and set new standards in education, research, scholarship, and creative work that will maximize our long-term positive impact on Colorado, the nation, and the world.

Populations Served

In 2009, CU-Boulder had an **all-time-high total enrollment** of 30,196 degree and licensure-seeking students, almost 20,000 of which are Colorado residents. Over 4,400 CU-Boulder students come from minority and underrepresented backgrounds.

CU-Boulder is **one of the largest employers in Boulder County**, with 6,730 full and part-time jobs, excluding student employees, and a payroll of approximately \$600 million.

Economic Impact

CU-Boulder trains a **highly skilled Colorado workforce**, with well over 6,500 degrees awarded each year and more than a third of all the doctoral degrees earned in the state.

We have helped make Colorado's Front Range one of the nation's most successful regions for **new business development** through our Leeds School of Business Deming Center for Entrepreneurship and our strong technology transfer pipeline for business start-ups and venture capital investments.

Fifty companies have been formed based on **technologies from CU-Boulder** since 1999, more than half of which have started in the past five years. Forty-three of these companies are still in operation now.

We have a long history of **successful collaboration with federal laboratories**, resulting in external research funding totaling over \$340 million in 2009.

New Relationships

Our achievements come during a transition in the future of higher education that requires us to seek **new ways to prosper as Colorado's flagship university**. We seek to accomplish this by evolving our relationship to government, building new connections with Colorado communities, and growing our business and industry partnerships.

Facilities Needs

The CU-Boulder campus is **operating at near maximum capacity**. Given the current density of the campus, very few building sites are available for further expansion.

To achieve our mission and **continue to serve the people of Colorado**, we must plan for the future and maintain our positive impact on the state's **natural, cultural, and economic quality of life**.

In order to meet **current and future enrollment, teaching, and research demands**, we are now exploring the opportunity to develop land on our East Campus.

This expansion will enable us to:

- Enhance hands-on learning opportunities
- Encourage faculty/student interaction
- Expand successful CU-Boulder research collaborations
- Accelerate the transfer of new CU-Boulder technologies into successful Colorado businesses