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## **City of Centennial Joins Newly Formed Colorado Smart Cities Alliance** *Groundbreaking public-private initiative will accelerate the development of intelligent infrastructure projects to improve the lives of Colorado residents*

**Centennial, COLO** – The City of Centennial today announced its leadership role as a founding member in the newly formed Colorado Smart Cities Alliance, a statewide, multi-jurisdictional collaborative of public, private and academic members working together to make Colorado a leader in the development of intelligent, 21<sup>st</sup> century infrastructure.

“It is exciting to join our regional partners in the creation of a statewide, multi-jurisdictional collaborative to accelerate smart cities technologies in Colorado. Developing and sharing best practices around the application of smart cities technologies, policies and initiatives will promote innovation and success. As a founding member of Smart Cities Alliance, we look forward to improving the quality of life in Centennial and for all Coloradans,” says Centennial Mayor Cathy Noon.

With more than three million additional people expected to move to Colorado by 2050—a more than 50 percent increase in the population—there is an urgency for community leaders to collaborate on finding innovative, cost-effective ways to better monitor, manage and improve infrastructure and public services.

The [Denver South Economic Development Partnership](#) founded the Colorado Smart Cities Alliance to provide an open, collaborative and active platform where local business and citizen leaders, public officials and community stakeholders could come together in their efforts to continually improve the region’s economic foundations for future generations.

“The Colorado Smart Cities Alliance is advancing policies and technologies that will better equip Colorado residents to live, work and play in a future that is increasingly being shaped by the complex challenges of urban growth,” said Jake Rishavy, vice president of innovation at the Denver South Economic Development Partnership. “We’re working to create a 21<sup>st</sup>-century technology infrastructure right here in Colorado that will help to enhance everyone’s quality of life, particularly as our communities continue to grow. With our citizen-centered approach to design and public policy, this alliance is going to put Colorado on the map as a smart cities leader.”

**A dozen cities along Colorado’s Front Range** are founding members of the alliance:

- Arvada
- Aurora
- Boulder

- Centennial
- Colorado Springs
- Denver
- Fort Collins
- Greenwood Village
- Littleton
- Lone Tree
- Longmont
- Westminster

The alliance also includes notable **research partners**:

- The [Colorado Innovation Corridor](#), a partnership between Formativ and NREL, the country's premier federally funded laboratory in advanced energy and energy efficiency and UCAR/NCAR, the nation's premier federally funded laboratory in weather forecasting, earth sciences, and climate analysis.
- The [Colorado Technology Association](#), a connector that brings together public organizations, academic institutions and private enterprise to advance the tech ecosystem across the state ensure Colorado leads the way in smart city innovation.

The [University of Colorado](#), a premier public research university and the largest institution of higher education in the state, is the alliance **academic partner**. [CU Denver](#), Colorado's only public urban research university, will lead the university's efforts for the alliance.

Colorado's largest company by revenue, global technology-solutions provider [Arrow Electronics](#) (NYSE: ARW) is serving as a **technology advisor** to the alliance, helping member cities design and pilot projects. Arrow is also building a platform where alliance members can securely share, aggregate and analyze data while piloting and improving upon smart cities projects.

[Learn more about the Colorado Smart Cities Alliance.](#)

### **About the City of Centennial**

Located in the south metro Denver area, the City of Centennial, Colorado, is home to 109,726 residents. As one of the safest cities in Colorado, Centennial has something for everyone, offering open-space, distinctive recreational activities and advanced business opportunities.

The award winning Littleton Public Schools and Cherry Creek School District are the top school districts in the state and serve the residents of Centennial. *USA Today* and *Money Magazine* recently ranked Centennial among the "Best Places to Live" in America. The City is known as an innovative leader in successfully using both public and private partnerships to provide high quality and cost effective municipal services to our community and businesses.

### **About the Colorado Smart Cities Alliance:**

The Colorado Smart Cities Alliance is a statewide, multi-jurisdictional collaboration of public, private and academic organizations committed to accelerating the adoption of smart cities projects, policies and initiatives in their respective communities. Founded in 2017 by the Denver South Economic Development Partnership, the group benefits its respective citizens and stakeholders by enhancing community quality of life through citizen-centered design and public policy, as well as through the deployment of 21<sup>st</sup> century technology infrastructure.

### **About Denver South Economic Development Partnership:**

Denver South Economic Development Partnership, a 35-year-old non-profit public-private partnership, is committed to providing visionary economic development leadership, civic involvement and positive business advocacy in a non-partisan and collaborative manner. The

organization's mission is to continuously improve the region's economy and world class quality of life. Among other roles, Denver South functions as a Smart City technology scout to its constituent communities, including two counties and four cities (City and County of Denver, Greenwood Village, Centennial and Lone Tree. Arapahoe and Douglas Counties).

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