



COLORADO
Department of
Labor and Employment

Workforce Case Management and Labor Exchange Modernization

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Presenters

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Project Goal: Maximize functionality with a focus on a skills-based economy.

Background:

- In the 2022 legislative session, the JTC and JBC approved funding for the Department to pursue modernization of the Connecting Colorado system, the case management and labor exchange system, to assist Coloradans in upskilling and finding new jobs.
- What is a state labor exchange?
 - Connects job seekers to open positions
 - Pulls job postings and allows employers to enter their jobs manually
 - Allows job seekers to search, and be matched based on skills or other criteria
 - Allows employers to search for talent
 - Helps job coaches match clients to jobs
- Averages 300,000 users annually

Timeline:

- CDLE used the Invitation to Negotiate process to procure software development support for the project.
- That process ended on October 12 with a signed contract with Pairin, a Colorado-based company specializing in workforce development software.
- Since then, CDLE and Pairin have been fully engaged in the “discovery” phase of the project, and have recently begun development in some early stages.
- The Department is aiming for an MVP launch at the beginning of 2024.

Budget Update:

- \$5.4 million of the General Fund was approved by the JTC and JBC.
- The Department has spent \$693,096.00 but anticipates spending to increase over the next few months.
- At this time, CDLE does not foresee any need for additional funding in future years for this project.

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