



Fall Networking Meeting 2026

October 15–16, 2026 | Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT)

1600 Broadway, Suite 2500 | Denver, CO 80202

THURSDAY | October 15

TIME	SESSION
8:30 am	Breakfast and Registration Breakfast and beverages provided.
9:00 am	Welcome and Introduction Chair: Sandra Watson, CEO and President, Arizona Commerce Authority Vice-Chair: Clint O’Neal, Executive Director, Arkansas Economic Development Commission Meeting Host: Eve Lieberman, Executive Director, Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade
9:30 am	Attendee Introductions and State Issues Each leader provides: • A five-minute introduction • Key issues facing their state • One takeaway they hope to bring home from the meeting
10:45 am	Break and Networking Snacks and beverages provided.
11:00 am	Hot Topics Discussion State leaders review and discuss selected key issues noted during introductions and in meeting registration that are not addressed in subsequent sessions.
12:00 pm	Lunch and Networking Lunch provided by the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade.
1:00 pm	Group Discussion From Skepticism to Support: Building Trust in Economic Development
2:15 pm	Break and Networking
2:45 pm	Group Discussion Data Center Policy: Balancing Growth, Energy, and Community Priorities • Hope Knight, President/CEO, Empire State Development • Sam Ridders, Deputy Secretary/COO, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation
4:00 pm	Day 1 Wrap-Up and Open Discussion
4:30 pm	Adjourn
6:00 pm	Networking - Drinks and Dinner Tamayo 1400 Larimer St, Denver



FRIDAY | October 16

TIME	SESSION
8:30 am	Breakfast Breakfast and beverages provided.
9:00 am	Review of Day 1
9:15 am	Group Discussion (Flexible) Option 1: Continue topics from Thursday Option 2: Discuss new topics Option 3: Transition Planning: Preparing for a New Administration
10:00 am	Break and Networking
10:15 am	Summary of Discussion Themes Review topic discussions and any action steps.
11:15 am	Network Business Meeting • SEDE finances • SEDE project updates • Next meeting: Spring 2027 (SelectUSA meeting is Sunday, May 2 – Wednesday, May 5) • CREC projects
12:00 pm	Lunch and Networking Lunch provided by the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade.
12:30 pm	Concluding Comments and Meeting Adjournment
1:00 pm	Optional Tour Attendees will visit Maybell Quantum Industries , a leading quantum infrastructure company building the cryogenic technologies needed by the quantum industry. Attendees will depart OEDIT offices at 1:00 p.m. and return around 3:00 p.m.