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# Press Release

## **Colorado Companies Host Reception for Colorado Congressional Delegation, Members of White House to Promote Small Business**

**Washington, D.C.** – On Tuesday February 2, an alliance of Colorado small businesses hosted the *Colorado Companies Reception* at the Art & Soul Restaurant on Capitol Hill. The event was designed to raise awareness of small business concerns and to also offer support to members of Congress actively engaged in facilitating the success of Colorado small business – which accounts for 98% of business entities in the state. In attendance were members of the Colorado Congressional Delegation as well as the Obama Administration, high-ranking members of various Federal agencies, and the Colorado Small Business Administration. The keynote address was delivered by U.S. Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO) along with follow-up remarks by Congresswomen Betsy Markey (D-CO-4) and Diana DeGette (D-CO-1). Congressman Ed Perlmutter (D-CO-7) engaged business owners in smaller groups. All emphasized the contribution made by small business, and expressed support while validating the concerns arising from the U.S. economic recession. “We were very impressed with the responsiveness of both the Colorado legislative delegation and other Coloradans working in DC in a variety of Federal positions,” said Elaine Kanelos, event co-host and Principal at OZ Architecture.

The Colorado-based host committee included: Doc1 Solutions, OZ Architecture, Capitol Steps Consulting LLC, the American Facilities Maintenance Group, RTL Networks, and Kline Alvarado Veio, PC (Group photo/names following page).

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**Host Committee and Honorees**



From left-to-right: Portia Prescott, Brent Kline, Richard Lewis, Elaine Kanelos, James Crane, U.S. Congresswoman Betsy Markey, U.S. Senator Michael Bennet, U.S. Congresswoman Diana DeGette, Keith Montoya, Kelly Davis, K.C. Veio, Jim Bershof, Nicholas Oliva.