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## CAEDA's Robert Barnes Appointed by Governor to Workforce Council

*Casper, WY – May 7, 2009:* Robert Barnes, CECD, President and CEO of the Casper Area Economic Development Alliance (CAEDA), was recently appointed to the Wyoming Workforce Development Council (WWDC) by Governor Dave Freudenthal. Barnes officially joined the Council on May 1, 2009 and has already begun working on wide range of workforce related issues with WWDC. “It has been a pleasure to work with Joan Evans and the WDWS staff on marketing programs and planning for the Governor’s Workforce Summit. Existing industry is critical to Wyoming’s economic future, and serving on the WWDC is a great vehicle to address business and industry needs.”

The mission of the WWDC is help to recruit, develop and grow Wyoming’s workforce, creating a stronger economy and a higher quality of life in the State. The Council works in partnership with the Governor’s Office and Department of Workforce Services and is currently co-sponsoring the upcoming Workforce Summit in Jackson, WY at the Snow King Lodge on May 28-29, 2009. The Summit, entitled *Innovate: Survive and Thrive in Wyoming's New Frontier*, is an opportunity for both employers and employees to explore issues such as workforce housing, recruiting new workers, retaining a workforce, adopting new technologies, generational issues and more. For more information, please visit [www.wyowdc.org](http://www.wyowdc.org).