

Fall Conference 2009

“Business Incubation During Changing Economic Times”

Thursday, October 8, 2009
Business Incubator Center
2951 B ¾ Road - Grand Junction, Colorado

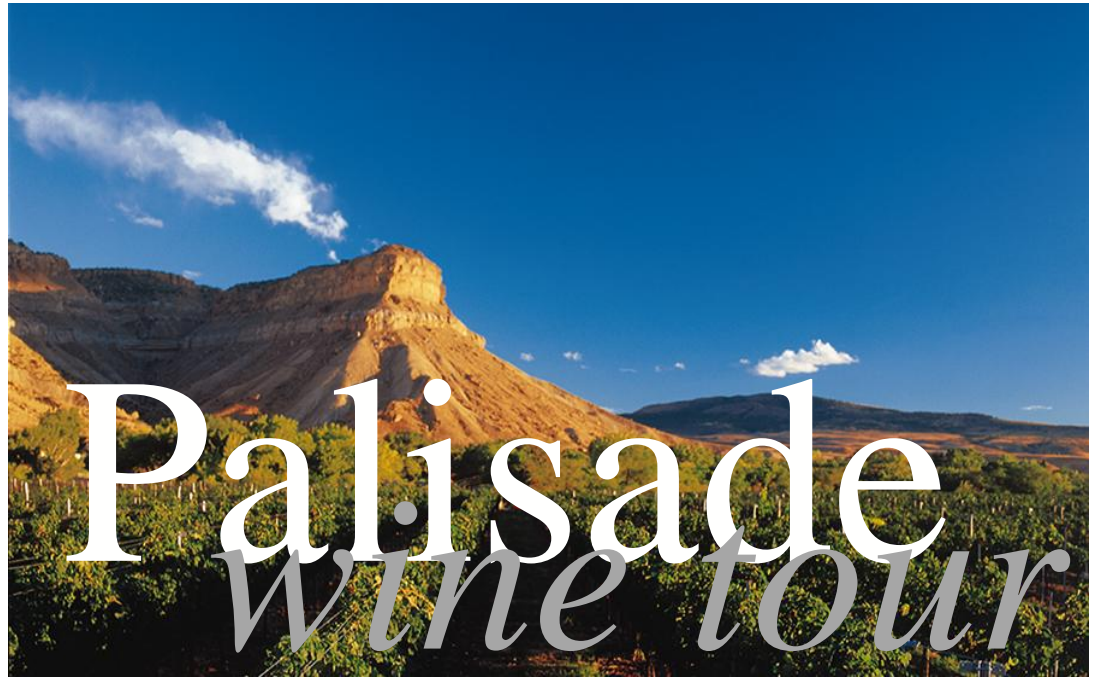
Join us at the award winning business incubator in Grand Junction, Colorado!

Who should attend?

- Incubator operators/managers/directors
- Economic development professionals/Academic professionals
 - Service providers that support business incubation

Conference Program

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration with a Networking Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	“Successful Incubator Management in Challenging Economic Times” Thea Chase & Chris Reddin Through discussions of an incubator’s business model, mission statement, position within the community and the surrounding economic climate, participants will explore how to remain flexible in changing times and respond to new challenges and opportunities. You’ll leave with ideas for innovative services, marketing strategies, plans for community alliances and tools to modify your business model.
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Incubator Updates An inclusive a round table conversation with updates from all over the state on existing programs, new programs in development, legislative issues and more.
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch and Business Incubator Tour Chris Reddin – Executive Director, Business Incubator Center After lunch enjoy a tour of the award winning Grand Junction Business Incubator. This incubator has over 22 successful years of proven experience in supporting the launch, growth, stabilization, and long term success of business enterprises.
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	“Incubator Funding Sources” (Start-up and Operations) John Zender – EDA Alice Kotrlik – Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade Masouda Omar - CHAFA, New Market Tax Credits Learn about a wide array of organizations that fund incubator operations. Understand the funding opportunities available and how they apply to your program,
3:00 p.m.	Wrap Up: Thea Chase
3:30 p.m.	Drive to Palisade, Colorado
4:00 p.m.	Palisade Wineries Tour: St. Katherine’s & Grand River Winery
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Wine Country Inn (Wine Reception & Dinner)



Following the conference we will be meeting in Palisade at the Wine Country Inn. From there we will visit both the Grand River Winery and St. Katherine's Winery (both within walking distance) to tour the facility and wine tasting. We will then reconvene at the Wine Country Inn for a fabulous dinner.

Stay Join us for a Winery Tour & Dinner

Stay for the night, stay for the weekend. The Grand Valley has lots to offer from biking the Colorado Monument, hiking in desert canyons or rafting the Colorado River.

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Stay at the Wine Country Inn

Nestled within the 20 acre vineyard, the Wine Country Inn offers a peaceful vineyard setting and authentic getaway that will rejuvenate your soul. Wine Country Inn is located just off Interstate 70 Exit 42 - just 10 miles from the airport in Grand Junction.

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