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## 2014 Legislative Agenda

The Green Industries of Colorado is an alliance of seven trade associations representing all facets of the horticulture and landscape industries. GreenCO members are committed to water conservation and industry-wide best management practices as a way of doing business. We provide expert advice on how to select and properly care for plants and landscapes.

GreenCO is the voice for more than 1500 small businesses and their 35,000 employees statewide. The green industry contributes more than \$2 billion to Colorado's economy. For more information, visit [www.greenco.org](http://www.greenco.org)

### **GreenCO member associations**

ASLA Colorado  
Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado  
Colorado Nursery and Greenhouse Association  
Colorado Association of Lawn Care Professionals  
Garden Centers of Colorado  
International Association of Arboriculture, Rocky Mountain Chapter  
Rocky Mountain Sod Growers Association

# 2014 GreenCO Legislative Policy Priorities

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## State Investment in Colorado Business

*In 2014, GreenCO recommends the General Assembly find ways to invest in business issues that will spur confidence, investment and growth via the following avenues:*

- Support the Governor's effort to fund higher education in 2014 budget
- Oppose reform and changes to the state workers' compensation program that would diminish the effectiveness or efficiency of the current system
- Support efforts to limit regulatory burden and create no new mandates for businesses
- Support the creation of web-based business applications that allow single point of contact and application for state/county/city licenses and permits.
- Continue effort to create uniform sales and use tax applications in Colorado
- Support legislation that creates a straightforward equitable process for the property taxation of "other agriculture" land application
- Oppose any construction defects legislation
- Continue efforts to find policy solutions to construction payment issues in Colorado
- Fund vocational and adult education programs for the skilled trades and technical career paths that are drastically under-staffed in Colorado's workforce

## State Investment in Colorado Infrastructure

*Colorado needs to invest in our infrastructures to meet the demands of growth and to replace/maintain critical systems.*

*These investments must be a priority for the General Assembly both from new revenue priority dedication and other revenue options. GreenCO's priorities for infrastructure investment include water, transportation and state resources, as follows:*

### Water

- Support funding and innovation of Colorado water needs to include conservation, water systems, reuse and storage
- Support and fund infrastructure projects that fund for water conservation and storage, drinking water and wastewater
- Support water legislation from interim water committee and oppose any water legislation that is anti-growth
- Support sustainable water conservation principles for both indoor and outdoor use to include industry Best Management Practices (BMPs). GreenCO's BMPs are supported by CWCB as the standard for outdoor water.

### Transportation & State Resources

- Support funding for transportation thru prioritization of new and existing revenues to stated needs.
- Support maintenance/replacement of roads and bridges
- Support funding increases in key infrastructure needs if plans clearly identify projects and expenditures