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Westminster News

Company Spotlight: Ball Aerospace/F-35 Fighter Jet

[Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp.](#) develops technologies for defense, civil and commercial customers, including full satellite systems and space missions; instruments and sensors; engineering services; antennas, tactical camera systems, and components; as well as a variety of space-qualified subsystems.



The company, based in Boulder with operations in Westminster, just completed a \$4.1 million expansion on its Westminster manufacturing plant to support the development of the F-35 Fighter Jet. The additional 28,000 square feet will allow the company to supply 48,000 antennas for the F-35 Lightning II aircraft, which Lockheed Martin will build.

The F-35 Lightning II is the Department of Defense's Next Generation Fighter/attack tactical aircraft. The F-35 is bringing cutting-edge technologies to the warfighter. Ball Aerospace is providing communications, navigation and the identification antenna suite. Ball Aerospace is a leader in low observable antenna technology, including proven design capability and state-of-the-art manufacturing capabilities.

Ball Aerospace is one of 15 Colorado suppliers to the F-35 program, which provides more than 460 jobs and nearly \$33 million in economic impact across the state.

Visit Ball Aerospace [online](#) for more information about the company and the F-35 program.

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Chris Gray new addition to Westminster Economic Development team

With roughly 30 years of economic and workforce development experience, Chris Gray will join Westminster's economic development team on July 25. His areas of focus in Westminster include business recruitment and development assistance, target industry analysis, strategic planning and program impact assessment. Welcome, Chris!



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Westminster Business Newsletter on hiatus

Due to changes in staff and heavy project volume, the Westminster Business Newsletter will be on hiatus until early-fall. Contact our office directly at 303-658-2108 or ecodevo@cityofwestminster.us if you need assistance.

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Westminster welcomes ITT Technical Institute

ITT Technical Institute has moved into a completely remodeled building at 8620 Wolff Court in Westminster, occupying 30,277 square feet. ITT has located classrooms, administration, financial aid, admissions, academic affairs, registration, and career services departments on the Westminster campus which will employ 45 full time positions and 35 adjunct instructors.

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Westin Westminster makes list of Top Hotels in America

The [Westin Westminster](#) has made U.S. News and World Report's 2011 list of the top 850 hotels in America. The ranking system was based on accolades from travel experts, placements on nationally known best-hotel lists, lauds from travel books and scores from user-based travel websites.

15 other Denver-area hotels made the list:

- Ritz-Carlton
- Four Seasons
- Hotel Teatro
- JW Marriott Denver Cherry Creek
- The Brown Palace
- Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center
- Hotel Monaco Denver
- Oxford Hotel
- Grand Hyatt Denver Downtown
- AmeriStar Casino Resort Spa Black Hawk
- Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center
- The Westin Downtown Denver
- The Warwick Hotel
- The Loews Denver Hotel
- Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel

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The Plaza at Westminster gets a new look

The 110,000 SF neighborhood retail center located at 8801-9031 Harlan Street, The Plaza at Westminster, has begun the transformation to become a revived, unique community destination with an emphasis on "being green." The transformation of the center, newly named **Solaire Shoppes**, began this last winter, as a 101 kW photovoltaic system was

installed on the rooftop of the buildings. At 426 panels, this PV system is one of the largest installations for solar power at a neighborhood retail strip center in Colorado

Tenants at the center currently include; Dairy Queen, Denver School of Massage Therapy, Weight Watchers, Salon Priority One, ATA Karate, Tuesday Morning and others. This system will produce enough power to offset 95-100% of the energy consumed by the property's exterior lighting requirements and other common electric needs. This savings in energy and cost will pass through directly to Solaire Shoppes' retailers.

The second phase of the transformation began in July; a \$2 million renovation includes improvements in appearance, performance, functionality and efficiency of the shopping center.

Eco-friendly design elements will include:

- A new parking lot. A percentage of the asphalt will consist of recycled material.
- Extensive xeriscape landscaping. The use of appropriate native species of plant life, combined with soil grading, mulching and smart irrigation, will take full advantage of rainfall retention.
- LED light retrofit. Transfigure all existing exterior light fixtures to LED.
- Installation of recycling containers.
- Installation of a 30-foot windspire wind turbine.
- Installation of an electric car-charging station.

In addition to the eco-friendly design elements, this extensive renovation will also feature a new façade with stone work, stucco and new paint colors, decorative lighting, a new monument sign, enhanced visibility and street appeal, improved ADA access, bike racks, decorative paving, and an inviting pedestrian-friendly entrance.

The project should be completed by the end of the year. For more information contact www.kewrealty.com.

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Westminster Mall update: demolition, auction & memories

Date set for mall demolition event — Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 23, for a special event marking the initial demolition phase at the Westminster Mall. Interior demolition work on the buildings that formerly housed the Macy's and Mervyn's stores began this week. Exterior building demolition will begin on July 23, with a public kick-off event in the parking lot immediately west of the former Macy's building. Check the [Westminster Center website](#) for details in the coming days.

Mall items for auction — In preparation for demolition, the Westminster Economic Development Authority will host three online auctions to liquidate Westminster Mall furnishings. The first internet auction was held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13. Auction items include shelving, furniture, household and holiday decorations, floor scrubbers, display cases and much more. Additional auctions will be held in August. For complete details on the auction, visit the [Westminster Center website](#).

Westminster Mall Memories – The City of Westminster has created a Facebook page titled Westminster Mall Memories. The page is a forum for the community to share memories of the Westminster Mall.

Visit us & share your memories: <https://www.facebook.com/westminstermallmemories>

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News of Interest

Metro North Chamber 5K Challenge

Join the Metro North Chamber on July 28th for their 5K Challenge. The race for all individuals.

It doesn't matter if you're an elite runner, or you'd just prefer to go out for a nice walk on a summer evening, the Chamber Challenge 5K is the event for you.

Additionally, the Chamber Challenge features a team aspect that encourages your employees and colleagues to participate in some friendly competition to prove once and for all you are the Champions of Industry. So lace up your sneakers and get ready for the Chamber Challenge 5K.

Visit the Chamber [online](#) for race & registration information.

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Metro Denver News

Metro Denver Monthly Economic Summary

The Metro Denver region continues to see solid summer tourism numbers and employment indicators-such as increased nonfarm employment and declining unemployment claims-show positive momentum, according to data compiled by the Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation (Metro Denver EDC) in its [Monthly Economic Summary for July 2011](#).

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Monthly New Businesses

The following is a listing of new Westminster businesses licensed in June 2011. Additional information regarding these businesses may be found in the Business Directory on the City of Westminster's website.

Business Name	Address	Business Nature
Arbour Square Apartments	14770 Orchard Pkwy	Rental Apartment Homes
Brows by Katie LLC	14532 Orchard Pkwy #400	Brow shape/wax
Casey Industrial Inc	1400 W 122nd Ave #200	Industrial Construction
Ciao Bella Rasazza	14532 Orchard Pkwy #400	Hair Stylist
Clinica Colorado	8406 Clay St	Low Cost Healthcare
Create	14532 Orchard Pkwy #400	Cosmetology
Essence of April	14532 Orchard Pkwy #400	Esthetics & Spa Services
Howard Head Sports Medicine	2861 W 120th Ave #120	Physical Therapist
ITT Technical Institute	8620 Wolff Ct #100	Postsecondary Education
Kiran's Liquor	1005 W 120th Ave #750	Liquor Store
Maggie's Deli LLC	7639 W 88th Ave	Food
Massage Rose	7621 W 88th Ave	Massage Therapy
Meredith Gilmore LLC	14532 Orchard Pkwy #400	Hair Stylist
Pho 11	12033 Pecos St	Restaurant
Preferred Home Care Providers	2701 W 84th Ave #201	Home Health Care
Shear Gentleman LLC	14532 Orchard Pkwy #400	Hair Stylist
Shear Grafix	14532 Orchard Pkwy #400	Cosmetology
Sideways Sports Lounge	9134 W 88th Ave	BBQ Restaurant/Lounge
Skin Suite	14532 Orchard Pkwy #400	Skin Care
Steam Work LLC	3929 W 72nd Ave	Auto Detailing
Styles By Danette	14532 Orchard Pkwy #400	Hair Stylist
Terraframe Inc	11005 Dover St #1000	Software Development
The Coloring Cube	14532 Orchard Pkwy #400	Hair Stylist

Tonya Esparza LLC	14532 Orchard Pkwy #400	Hair Stylist
Westminster Garage	2935 W 72nd Ave	Auto Repair

Upcoming Events

July

Lean Product Development Webinar
Colorado Association for Manufacturing & Technology

July 21, 2011, 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Online Webinar

[Register Now](#)

Improving Your Success with SBIR
Colorado Association for Manufacturing & Technology

July 22, 2011, 9:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Golden, CO

[Register Now](#)

Startup Junkie Underground
The DaVinci Institute

July 25, 2011, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

The DaVinci Institute - Louisville

[Register Now](#)

2011 Chamber Challenge – 5K Run
The Metro North Chamber of Commerce

July 28, 2011, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Multipurpose Fields Trail - Thornton

[Register Now](#)

North Suburban Sales Professionals
Networking Breakfast

Every Friday, 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Hyland Hills Golf Course Restaurant

[Register Now](#)

August

Business After Hours
Metro North Chamber of Commerce

August 3, 2011, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Hyland Hills Adventure Golf & Raceway

[Register Now](#)

Business Plan Basics
Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce

August 10, 2011, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

1667 Cole Blvd. - Lakewood

[Register Now](#)

Running a Home-Based Business
Jefferson County Business Education Series Training

August 19, 2011, 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Lakewood Cultural Center – Community Room

Information: Rachel 303-987-7734
[Register Now](#)

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