

## **Methodology used for DRCOG's employment, population and household estimates**

### **Employment:**

DRCOG's 2005 employment estimates are based on a database of all the firms in the Denver region, and the exact location of each firm. To generate employment estimates for the Community Plan areas, the firms located within each area were identified, and the estimated employment totals were calculated for these firms.

### **Population and Households:**

DRCOG's 2005 population and household estimates are generated at the census tract level, based on building permit and construction order information obtained from local governments. Also, point-level data from utility companies, identifying the location of all residential hook-ups across the region were used. This point-level data was used to determine population and households from census tracts that crossed community plan area boundaries. For example, if 80% of the utility points within a given tract fall inside a community plan area, it was assumed that 80% of the population and households associated with that tract are also located within the community plan area.