With Colorado State University’s overall focus at the National Western Center on food systems, water, energy, the environment, and health, the CSU Center will provide the facilities needed to provide experiential learning opportunities and impactful research within these areas of emphasis, rooted in the rich history and culture of the National Western Center.

The CSU Center will further the mission of global impact at the National Western Center by providing K-12 education, interactive learning opportunities for families, and flexible conference and exhibit space. The facility will tie together research, outreach, and education in an inspiring location, anchoring CSU in the heart of the National Western Center.

As part of its land grant mission of outreach, education, and service, CSU has an Extension office serving every county in Colorado. The CSU Center at the National Western Center will serve as an additional space for Denver Urban Extension to respond to community educational need and offer a variety of resources, ranging from gardening classes to energy audits.

In addition, the CSU Center will provide space for a variety of activities including arts performances, business incubation, and laboratory research.

The CSU Center will feature:
- K-12 Food Systems Exploration Center
- Classroom, lab, and shared exhibit space
- Performing and visual arts space
- Denver Urban Extension Center and community spaces
- Business incubation and cross-sector collaboration

“I believe that assisting in attaining this vision for the NWC is not only fully aligned with the mission of and our vision for the second 150 years of Colorado State University, I believe that helping to attain this vision may well be critical to the long-term vibrancy of our university and the educational system of which it is a part.”

– Tony Frank, Chancellor of the CSU System and Colorado State University President

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