

Stephanie Garnica

Interim Chief Business Development Officer



Stephanie Garnica is the Interim Chief Business Development Officer at Denver's Economic Development & Opportunity Office. In this role, Stephanie leads the teams and activities focused on business development activities including attraction, retention and expansion through efforts of the global engagement, innovation & entrepreneurship, and business development teams. She brings a wealth of economic development and community leadership experience to the job and is known as a well-connected resource for the local and international communities.

Her previous roles include senior manager of air service development for Denver International Airport (DEN); senior director of business development for the World Trade Center Denver; and director of trade & investment for the Americas at the Colorado Office Economic Development and International Trade. She lived and worked in Central America after graduating college and is fluent in Spanish. She has traveled and worked extensively throughout the world and hosted business and government visitors from over 100 countries resulting in many international companies landing and establishing operations in Denver.

Given her deep international experience, Garnica is involved in several globally focused initiatives in the Denver Metro area. She is a Board Member of the Biennial of the Americas, World Trade Center Denver, Study Colorado and serves as the President of the Board of Japan America Society of Colorado. She is a member of the CIBER (Center for International Business Education & Research) Advisory Council at the University of Colorado at Denver and an Advisory Member of the Global Community Engagement Program at the University of Denver's University College. Garnica received a master's degree in international business from the University of Colorado at Denver and an undergraduate degree in International Marketing from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Married to a Bolivian and the mother of three kids, she enjoys raising globally minded citizens of the world, hiking, reading, traveling, mentoring and cooking.