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- IPAutomation, a Colorado Springs engineering, design and manufacturing company, has contracted with Cincinnati Incorporated to acquire one of its laser-cutting systems. IPAutomation President Iliia Petkov said the \$500,000 investment will provide faster turnaround times for the cutting needs of its customers and would lead to new jobs to operate the machine.

- Security Service Federal Credit Union recently received a Best Practice Award in the category of Business Development from CU Direct, which provides lending, automotive and strategic solutions to the credit union industry.

The credit union said in a news release that it has "made significant strides in service capabilities to both dealer customers and members acquired through indirect lending channel. This, in combination with targeted product offerings, has resulted in excellent growth for the credit union." SSFCU is headquartered in San Antonio and has offices in Colorado Springs.

- The Cañon City branch of Credit Union of Colorado recently moved into a new \$2 million, 3,900-square-foot building at 2435 Fremont Drive. The office is 800 square feet larger than the former location office and has more teller stations. For the first time, the credit union also has drive-thru lanes and safe deposit boxes. The

Cañon City branch has nine employees and serves about 3,700 members in Cañon City and Fremont County. Credit Union of Colorado has 15 branches, including branches in Pueblo and Colorado Springs, and is the state's fifth-largest credit union.

- Colorado Springs Utilities recently received the Public Relations Society of America Silver Anvil Award for its 2013 "Dewey" the Water Drop campaign. The Utilities communications team devised the campaign to help customers save water in the midst of a severe drought and mandatory water restrictions with surcharges for high usage. Utilities says it reached its water savings goal earlier than forecasted, and customer satisfaction increased from 58 percent to 76 percent.

- Construction has started on The Lofts at Lincoln Station, a luxury transit-oriented multihousing project in Lone Tree that's a joint venture of Colorado Springs-based Griffis/Blessing Inc. and Niebur Development. The project is a four-story, 101-unit multifamily development that is within walking distance of the RTD Lincoln Light Rail Station.

- First Choice Emergency Room opened its new Colorado Springs North facility at 13510 Meadowgrass Drive last week. It is the third location for the freestanding emergency medicine facility, which is open 24/7. A fourth location in Fountain is planned.

CALENDAR

MONDAY

PBX (Premier Business Exchange) – 8-9:30 a.m., LegalShield Success Center, 1120 N. Circle Drive, Suite 10; 243-3174, mbrshow.com/pbx.htm.

TUESDAY

Toastmasters – 7:30-8:30 a.m.,

Business Linx – 11:15 a.m. lunch served, IHOP, 5749 Stetson Hills Blvd., free; Cheryl Snyder, 237-5350. **Pikes Peak Workforce Center** – Intro to PPWFC Orientation, 2-4 p.m., Citizens Service Center, 1675 Garden of the Gods Road, free. Registration required: ppwfc.org.

HOW TO SUBMIT

Deadline for all items is 5 p.m.

Calendar Items

The submission must include time, date and place, with the contact information for the publisher, phone number, an email address, whether there is a cost.

Items may also be submitted to events.gazette.com/listings. It requires registration for a user.

Other Items

The Essentials listings are for hires and new businesses. Pic must be at least 1MB in size. Email information to business@gazette.com 636-0202 or use the online form.

Wisdom and Wealth Mastermind Group – 7-9 p.m., 755 Colorado 105, Suite C, Palmer Lake; Monument Library, 488-0621.

WEDNESDAY

CS Business Builders – 7-8:30 a.m., cost involved. Call for location: Tara, 330-1268.

Networking in Christ Chapter 102 – 7:30-9 a.m., IHOP, 8065 Colorado 83; Wayne Pinegar, 460-4649; wayne@nextagepikespeak.com.

BNI Tri-lakes – 7:45-9:15 a.m., call for location; Maureen, 231-1737.

Pep-Net Tri-lakes – 8-9:30 a.m., Willow Tree Café, 140 Second St., Monument; 465-4557.

Colorado Business Leads Group – 8:30 a.m., Re/Max Advantage, 5590 N. Academy Blvd., cost involved; 570-7070.

Pikes Peak Workforce Center – Build a Basic Resume, 10 a.m.-noon, Citizens Service Center, 1675 Garden of the Gods Road, free. Registration required: ppwfc.org.

North Colorado Springs Rotary Club – Noon, Embassy Suites Hotel, 7290 Commerce Center Drive; 634-6400.

Financial Wellness – Credit 101 – 1-2:30 p.m., Colorado Springs Senior Center, 1514 N. Hancock Ave., \$3. Registration required: 387-6000, csseniorcenter.com.

Debit Cards, Credit Cards and Fraud ... Oh My – 6 p.m., Aventa Credit Union, 2735 Dublin Blvd., free; 482-7648, aventa.com.

THURSDAY

Business Linx – 8-15 a.m. breakfast