

### **Blue Bear Farm Partners**

**Centerplate** is one of the largest event hospitality companies in the world, with 250 North American sports, entertainment and convention venues across North America, including the Colorado Convention Center, the Denver Performing Arts Complex, and Sports Authority Field at Mile High in Denver. [www.Centerplate.com](http://www.Centerplate.com)

**Arts and Venues Denver (AVD)** enhances Denver's quality of life and economic vitality through premier public venues, artwork, and entertainment opportunities. AVD is responsible for the acquisition, construction, maintenance, repair, management and operation of the City's public assembly facilities and oversees many of Denver's most sophisticated, high-profile facilities: Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre; the three largest venues in the Denver Performing Arts Complex: the Ellie Caulkins Opera House in the Newton Auditorium, the Buell Theatre and Boettcher Concert Hall, plus the historic Denver Coliseum, Colorado Convention Center and newly acquired Crossroads Theater. Additionally, AVD manages and administers Denver's Public Art Program, many free community festivals and events (e.g. Five Points Jazz, One Book One Denver) and Create Denver. [www.artsandvenuesdenver.com](http://www.artsandvenuesdenver.com)

**MojoGro (organic soil donor)** is a Colorado-based company founded in 2008 that makes organic soils for indoor and outdoor planting and gardening. MojoGro was developed by a group of professional growers, microbiologists and environmentalists with the goal of creating an all-natural, more predictable, longer-lasting and consumer-friendly soil using only clean dairy manure and forestry shavings which have not been treated with chemicals. MojoGro is distributed coast-to-coast, including in Colorado by King Soopers and City Market. [www.MojoGro.com](http://www.MojoGro.com)

**Dutch Heritage Gardens (plant donor)** is a greenhouse company founded in 2006 on 100 acres of pristine property outside of Monument, Colorado. Dutch Heritage Gardens grows bedding plants, perennials, vegetables, herbs, combination patio planters; mums and fall planters and poinsettias – specifically grown and nurtured for the Colorado environment. DHG distributes its products customers primarily through grocery store chains such as King Soopers, City Market, as well as Costco and local retail garden centers. They also participate in local fund raising, plants for schools and parks and a host of other outreach programs. [www.dhgardens.com](http://www.dhgardens.com)

**Produce Denver** is an edible landscaping and urban agricultural company dedicated to increasing and ensuring locally-grown produce in the Denver area. Founded four years ago, Produce Denver also offers programs to educate people on creating productive, beautiful spaces for plants and gardens in their own yards. Also, Produce Denver seeks to build urban farms for agricultural purposes in underutilized public spaces in Denver, to help the Denver community remain at forefront of water conservation, local food production and sustainability. [www.ProduceDenver.com](http://www.ProduceDenver.com)

**Denver Seeds**, an initiative of Denver Mayor Michael Hancock, is an innovative strategy of promoting urban gardens, greenhouses and local farming operations. The goal of the program is to support small businesses, create jobs, promote food production from local growers, and increase the availability of fresh produce in all of Denver's neighborhoods, putting millions of dollars back into the Denver metro economy.

*With more than 5,000 square feet of growing space, the Blue Bear Farm is projected to grow 1,600 pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables in its first year making it the largest project of its kind at a convention center. The fresh produce will be used by the Convention Center's caterer, Centerplate, to produce fresh local food for convention center guests.*