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## **For Immediate Release**

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### **DRCOG HONORS AURORA WATER QUALITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS PUBLIC OUTREACH INITIATIVE**

**April 28, 2010 (Denver, Colorado)** – The City of Aurora has captured a Local Government Award from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) for its Water Quality and Environmental Programs Public Outreach Initiative. The award was presented to Sean Lieske, Aurora Water Resources Division Environmental Permitting and Compliance Manager at the regional council's 2010 Awards of Excellence Dinner, held April 28 at the Infinity Park Event Center in Glendale.

The project earned the Bronze Award in the awards program's Community Outreach and Public Education category. That category recognizes exceptional and creative efforts to inform and involve the public in educational campaigns about local government projects and issues.

Understanding that education is the key to pollution prevention, Aurora set out to teach residents and businesses how their actions keep water cleaner. The resulting program includes two annual events, a year-round cleanup service, printed and online materials, and presentations at homeowners' meetings. Not only do citizens actively participate and engage in these efforts, but city staff members are also part of the solution, seeking ways to benefit water quality throughout the region.

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DRCOG's Local Government Awards program has recognized local governments and their employees for regional leadership and service since 1982.

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*The council of governments is a nonprofit collaborative association governed by a Board of Directors representing 56 county and municipal governments. Board members work together to achieve a better future for the Denver region. Through Metro Vision, the plan to manage growth over the next 25 years, the region's local governments work cooperatively to address development, land use, transportation, environmental quality and older adult issues.*