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DRCOG HONORS DENVER FOR ITS NEW ZONING CODE

April 28, 2010 (Denver, Colorado) – The City and County of Denver has captured a Local Government Award from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) for its New Zoning Code project. The award was presented to Community Planning and Development Director Peter Park 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 Gold 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.

As the most populous city in Colorado, Denver faced a distinct challenge when it planned to update its zoning code. The city and county focused on making sure that its outreach process included as many citizens and organizational interests as possible. Its unprecedented effort included more than 100 neighborhood and public meetings, hours of public comment at listening sessions with city council and planning board members, informational mailings to every property owner, and a Web site that attracted more than 30,000 unique visitors. Four public review drafts were created through this process. The new code is going through the final adoption process now.

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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.