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THREE HONORED BY DRCOG FOR EFFORTS WITH THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

April 28, 2010 (Denver, Colorado) – Three regional transportation leaders were honored with Distinguished Service Awards from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) for their efforts with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Colorado Department of Transportation Executive Director Russell George and Chief Engineer Pam Hutton joined Federal Highway Administration Colorado Division Administrator Karla Petty in receiving awards from Littleton Council Member and DRCOG Vice Chair Jim Taylor at the regional council's 2010 Awards of Excellence Dinner, held April 28 at the Infinity Park Event Center in Glendale.

George, Hutton and Petty were cited for their management and oversight of highway transportation projects delivered under ARRA. All federal requirements were met for the \$400 million-plus effort, not only for CDOT projects but for local government projects as well. Through March 2010, ARRA had put or kept Coloradans employed for more than 960,000 hours at a payroll approaching \$26 million, with more than 40 percent of the projects in the Denver region.

Distinguished Service Awards are presented to individuals who contribute outstanding efforts to the Denver region and its communities, and to

DRCOG's programs and activities. The council has been honoring outstanding achievements for more than 30 years.

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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.