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TOP REGIONAL AWARD GOES TO ARVADA LEADER LORRAINE ANDERSON

April 28, 2010 (Denver, Colorado) – The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) presented its John V. Christensen Memorial Award to long-time Arvada community leader Lorraine Anderson for her regional leadership. The award was presented for the thirty-seventh time at DRCOG's April 28 2010 Awards of Excellence Dinner at the Infinity Park Event Center in Glendale.

Arapahoe County Commissioner and DRCOG Chair Rod Bockenfeld presented the award to Anderson, recognizing her 24 years of service to local government, beginning with her election as an Arvada council member in 1984. He cited her extraordinary energy and attention to local and regional issues, and her belief that what is good for all the people in the metro area relates back to a positive result for the residents of Arvada. In addition to serving on a host of local, regional and state efforts, Anderson chaired DRCOG in 2004 and served on the Board of Directors for 16 years.

The Christensen award was first presented in 1973 to honor the late John V. Christensen, an Arapahoe County commissioner and one of DRCOG's co-founders. Anderson joins a distinguished list of previous winners. The most recent recipient was the late John Parr, noted civic leader.

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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.