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Association recognizes Arapahoe County Public Works Department

Public Works employee, department's participation in leadership succession program honored

Littleton, Colo. – An Arapahoe County Public Works and Development employee, and the department's participation in an innovative, impactful leadership development project, were honored by the American Public Works Association Colorado Chapter.

The awards were presented at the APWA Colorado Chapter annual luncheon Oct.26 in Breckenridge and recognized by the Board of County Commissioners during their Nov. 3 public meeting.

Brian Love, P.E., an engineer for 26 years, earned distinction as Professional Manager of the Year.

Love is responsible for performance management and reporting, and was instrumental in the development of Arapahoe County's bridge health index. Love and his team oversee infrastructure improvements that address safety issues, reduce traffic congestion and fix drainage problems in unincorporated Arapahoe County. Love's advanced professional development, leadership skills, contributions to the engineering profession, innovations and achievements contributed to his winning the award.

"We are honored to be recognized with these awards," said Dave Schmit, Public Works and Development Director. "Brian Love is very deserving and is a recognized leader not only within Arapahoe County but within the metro Denver Public Works community."

Public Works and Development also was recognized for its participation in the County's pilot Leadership Enhancement and Development program, which prepares employees for future management positions. More than half of the Public Works and Development management team is eligible to retire within the next five years. As a result, Public Works participated in LEAD to help develop the talents of potential supervisors, managers and executives to be successful in future leadership roles.

"We share this award with all County employees who participated in LEAD and support developing our future leaders," said Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld. "We congratulate our Public Works employees and and look forward to continuing the LEAD program in 2016."

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Photo of Brian Love and John McCarty available via the link below:

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Caption: Brian Love, Arapahoe County Public Works Department, receives an award for Professional Manager of the Year – Engineering from John McCarty, President, Colorado Chapter of American Public Works Association during a Nov. 3 Board of County Commissioners public meeting.

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