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**DRCOG HIRES DR. FLORINE RAITANO AS ACTING SENIOR MANAGING  
DIRECTOR**

**July 16, 2014 (Denver, Colorado)** – Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Executive Director Jennifer Schaufele announces the appointment of Dr. Florine (Flo) Raitano as acting senior managing director.

Raitano previously served as DRCOG’s special projects manager where she has been involved with the organization’s Sustainable Communities Initiative grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Metro Vision 2040 regional plan activities. In the new leadership position, Raitano will help make recommendations on long-range activities; become actively involved in all agency programs and services; identify opportunities to leverage cross-program strengths; develop stronger teams through feedback, coaching and mentoring; develop and maintain collaborative external relationships; and carry out the duties and responsibilities of the executive director in her absence.

“There is little Flo Raitano hasn’t done,” said Schaufele. “Her broad and deep pool of knowledge, experience and contacts will be instrumental as we transform the organization to achieve the Board’s vision: a diverse network of vibrant, connected, lifelong communities with a broad spectrum of housing, transportation and employment, complemented by world-class natural and built environments.”

Twice elected mayor of Dillon, Raitano has extensive local government and public sector experience. She served as the first executive director of the Colorado Rural Development Council, a post she held for 10 years. In addition, she served as executive director of the I-70 Coalition from 2006-2010, and was appointed by Gov. Bill

Ritter in 2007 to the Technical Advisory Committee for the Blue Ribbon Panel on Transportation Finance and Implementation. She recently completed work on several HUD Sustainable Communities projects in the New River Valley Region in Virginia and St. Charles Parish in Louisiana. She also worked with the North Fork Valley in Delta County to gain formal certification from Colorado Creative Industries, a division of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, as a full-fledged Creative District.

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