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**TOP REGIONAL AWARD GOES TO LITTLETON LEADER JAMES A. TAYLOR
Award is DRCOG's highest honor**

April 24, 2014 (Denver, Colorado) – The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) presented its John V. Christensen Memorial Award to long-time Littleton leader James A. Taylor for his regional leadership. The award was presented for the thirty-ninth time at DRCOG's April 23 Awards Event at the History Colorado Center.

Douglas County Commissioner and DRCOG Chair Jack Hilbert presented the award to Taylor, recognizing his long tenure on the Littleton City Council. He also called attention to Taylor's work for the region as a six-year member of the DRCOG Board of Directors. Taylor chaired DRCOG in 2011, also serving as vice chair, secretary and treasurer. During his tenure as chair, DRCOG pursued and received the federal Sustainable Communities Initiative grant, which is helping the region maximize its investment in transit through planning work in four transit corridors. In addition, Taylor has been involved with the C-470 Coalition Corridor board, the E-470 board, Tri-Cities Council, Transit Alliance, National league of Cities, the South Suburban Parks and Recreation District board, Littleton Municipal Building Authority, and the Colorado Municipal League, among others. Hilbert thanked Taylor for his work on behalf of the Denver region and said "Jim has always been a steady and thoughtful voice in the regional conversation, respected by his peers at DRCOG and throughout the region, and nationally."

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. Taylor joins a distinguished list of previous winners. Northglenn community leader Kathie Novak was the last person to receive the award, presented in 2012.

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The Denver Regional Council of Governments is a nonprofit collaborative association governed by a Board of Directors representing county and municipal governments. Board members work together to make life better in 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.