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## **DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS HONORS CHARGE AHEAD COLORADO**

**DENVER** – Charge Ahead Colorado received a 2017 Metro Vision Award from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). The award was presented at DRCOG’s annual awards celebration on April 26 at the Sheraton Downtown Denver.

One of the main barriers to adopting electric vehicles is the lack of charging stations. Charge Ahead Colorado is a statewide program that is leading the charge - making electric vehicles a more viable and attractive option for drivers by installing charging stations across the state.

“By designing a program that is flexible enough to support local government efforts to increase sustainability, reduce fleet costs, reduce air pollution or wire their workplaces to support employee adoption of EVs - the program isn’t just one size fits all,” said Steve McCannon, mobile sources program director for the Regional Air Quality Council.

Operated by the Colorado Energy Office and the Regional Air Quality Council, Charge Ahead Colorado has added 400 charging stations since 2013, and has assisted local governments and other public agencies with the purchase of nearly 60 electric vehicles. As electric vehicle technology improves, Charge Ahead Colorado will serve as a model, expanding the benefits of electric cars - including fewer air pollutants, reduced greenhouse gas emissions and lower transportation costs - beyond state borders.

DRCOG’s Metro Vision Award program recognizes exemplary projects, plans and initiatives that significantly improve the quality of life in the Denver region and its communities. The regional council has been honoring outstanding achievements for more than 30 years.

***The Denver Regional Council of Governments is a planning organization where local governments collaborate to establish guidelines, set policy and allocate funding in the areas of transportation and personal mobility, growth and development, and aging and disability resources***

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