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**DRCOG HIRES DOUGLAS REX AS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND
OPERATIONS DIRECTOR**

Nov. 13, 2013 (Denver, Colorado) – Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Executive Director Jennifer Schaufele announces its recent hire of Douglas W. Rex as director of transportation planning and operations.

Rex will lead DRCOG's largest division, responsible for directing and coordinating regional transportation planning in the 2.7-million-person Denver metro area. As the region's federally designed Metropolitan Planning Organization, DRCOG awards millions of dollars annually for transportation projects that include roadways, transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, elderly and disabled service, traffic signal timing, and transportation alternatives. "We are pleased to welcome Doug to DRCOG," says Schaufele. "His extensive transportation and planning experience will boost efforts to update Metro Vision, the Denver region's long-range plan, and to integrate transportation and land use planning."

Rex, who joined the DRCOG staff Nov. 11, has 17 years of similar experience at the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG). At ACOG, which includes the greater Oklahoma City region with a population of 1.2 million, he was responsible for the leadership, coordination, development and administration of all transportation and air quality planning, community development and other transportation-related issues that affected the region. He led the implementation of such major projects as corridor planning efforts, a large-scale public involvement process, and establishing a bicycle/pedestrian plan and starting Bike to Work Day, among others. Before ACOG, he

worked for the City of Topeka, Kansas, and Mid-America Regional Council, DRCOG's counterpart in the Kansas City metro area.

He holds a master's degree in urban planning from the University of Kansas and a bachelor's degree in political science from the Memorial University of Newfoundland.

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The Denver Regional 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 make life better in the Denver region for people of all ages, incomes and abilities. 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.