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Fifteenth Annual Arvada Business Appreciation Breakfast

ARVADA, Colo. - On October 14 more than 300 business and community leaders gathered at the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities for the 15th Annual Business Appreciation Event. The theme was “Breakfast of Champions”. The event was designed to recognize the value of Arvada businesses to the community, appreciate their community support and involvement, and offer participants the opportunity to meet new or renew business acquaintances. During the event thirteen business awards were presented based on significant community involvement, capital investment, increased employment, and overall commitment to the community. Hereford Percy, Arvada Economic Development Association (AEDA) Business Retention Chairman emceed the event. AEDA President, Steve Camins and Arvada Mayor Bob Frie presented the awards. Award winners were:

Jerry Marks, President of Custom Environmental Services, located at 8041 N. I-70 Frontage Road, Suite 11, received the prestigious Lloyd J. King Entrepreneurial Spirit Award. Jerry Marks was recognized for his exemplary entrepreneurial success and extensive involvement in the community. Harry Mathews, Owner of Vintage Sales, LLC, located at 5889 Lamar Street was honored with the “Community Spirit” award. Harry Mathews has consistently made a major difference in the community through personal, professional, and financial investment. The “2009 Outstanding Business” award recipients included: 3 Sons Italian Restaurant, located at 14805 W. 64th Avenue, Unit C, for locating the family-style restaurant to Arvada, and for the substantial investment in the construction of the restaurant; Beyond the Blackboard, located at 7721 Wadsworth Boulevard, #B, for outstanding support of educational instructors and teachers, as well as offering specialized educational products; D Note, located at

7519 Grandview Avenue, for its extraordinary support of community and charitable causes, and for attracting customers to Olde Town Arvada; Faustson Tool, Inc., a 26-year old company located at 6803 Joyce Street, Suite A, as an Arvada business drawing national attention, providing jobs, and for its prolonged growth and success; JeHN Engineering, located at 5690 Webster Street, for significant investment in the construction of a state-of-the-art building in Olde Town Arvada, and serving as a catalyst for new business growth; PrimeStar Solar, located at 14401 W. 65th Way, for major investment in the construction of its corporate home in Arvada and for the many new primary jobs; Sartorius, TCC Company, located at 6542 Fig Street, for significant capital investment, additional primary jobs created, outstanding community outreach, and ongoing global recognition; Sonsio, Inc., for the substantial investment in the purchase of its new corporate building located at 5630 Ward Road, and for the many primary jobs brought to the Arvada business community; Sunflower Farmers Market, located at 7725 Wadsworth Boulevard, for bringing a new market opportunity to Arvada as well as re-energizing the Indian Tree Shopping Center; and The Academy Early Childhood Education Center, located at 6412 Fig Street, for significant investment in building its new state-of-the-art facility and expansion of the business. The “Community Partner of the Year” award was received by The Jefferson County Business Resource Center (JCBRC). JCBRC, located at 1667 Cole Boulevard, Suite 400, was acknowledged as being a valued business partner, and providing numerous resources that support Arvada businesses.

For more information contact the Arvada Economic Development Association at 720-898-7010. Photos are available upon request.

The Arvada Economic Development Association was founded in the early 1980s and is a public-private partnership led by a group of 17 volunteer business and community leaders whose mission is to create new jobs and increase revenue for the City of Arvada.

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