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## **Colorado Chapter of APWA recognizes Public Works employees** *Improvements to Peoria Service Center win award*

**Littleton, Colorado** – Three Arapahoe County Public Works and Development employees — and also a project — won awards conferred by the Colorado Chapter of the American Public Works Association at their Oct. 26 annual awards luncheon.

Jim Katzer, Infrastructure Manager, was named Professional Manager of the Year for Administrative Management. Jerry Maschka, Traffic Operations Manager, won Professional Manager of the Year for Transportation. Doug Stern, Road and Bridge Operations Manager, earned the Young Professional Leader award.

“To have three Arapahoe County managers recognized for their outstanding achievements in one year is truly exceptional,” said Commissioner Bill Holen. “This is a testament to the kind of managers and strong leadership we have in our County. We are very proud of these exemplary employees’ accomplishments and the professional recognition they have earned.”

The County’s Peoria Service Center improvement project in Centennial was recognized in the Large Community Structures category. The completed project allows Public Works’ Road and Bridge Division to provide better service to the public and helps the County’s Facilities and Fleet Management department be more responsive to and supportive of internal County departments and offices.

The County’s Facilities and Fleet Management was primarily responsible for this project, with support from Public Works. The two departments worked closely together to achieve all project goals on time and under budget. “This was a very well integrated and effective partnership, and Public Works commends our Facilities and Fleet Management Department on their project leadership,” said Dave Schmit, Public Works and Development director.

Among other improvements, the new enclosed, heated wash bay improved safety by eliminating the need to walk outdoors on ice to wash vehicles. Security was improved by adding access-controlled entry gates, and office space was expanded.

Arapahoe County employees Mike Comstock, Traffic/Right-of-Way Supervisor, and Scott Wiggs, Engineer III also were recognized as members of the 2013-2014 graduating class of the Rocky Mountain Public Works Institute. The Institute provides a year-long program that helps Public Works employees achieve their management and leadership potential through classes taught by experienced Public Works professionals.

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**Download a photo of Jim Katzer, Jerry Maschka and Doug Stern:**

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