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Arapahoe County employee Julie Rich recognized as an Outstanding Project Manager by Thomson Reuters Corp.

Littleton, Colo. – At its recent annual conference, Thomson Reuters, a leading multinational media and information firm for businesses and professionals, recognized Arapahoe County's Information Technology Business Relationship Division Manager Julie Rich with its Outstanding Project Manager award.

The award is not given out every year, but only in years when there is a project manager among the company's clients who exhibits strong leadership, innovative project management and superior communication skills across client boundaries.

Rich is managing the migration of Arapahoe and Jefferson counties to Thomas Reuter's Aumentum Tax software for both counties' Assessor's and Treasurer's offices. Aumentum Tax helps government entities manage their land and tax administration processes to improve efficiencies, provide better service to citizens and maximize revenues. The Assessor's offices will use the software to assess and value properties, and the Treasurer's offices will use it for billing and tracking.

Rich has served as the liaison between the project's executive sponsors, elected officials and project management staff to coordinate and proactively manage participants' roles and responsibilities, issue resolution, timelines, quality control and financial accountability. She has worked for nearly six years with project managers from Arapahoe and Jefferson counties to address the complex conversion processes, technical architecture, fault testing and system sustainability. Arapahoe County anticipates going live with the Aumentum Tax software in December 2013 and Jefferson County plans an early 2014 activation.

"Julie has demonstrated excellent project management and leadership skills in managing this large, multi-faceted, long-term project while meeting significant challenges and overcoming obstacles," Arapahoe County Commissioner Nancy Doty said. "She has been fair, accessible and encouraged honest and open communications. Julie is an exemplary example of our Align Arapahoe performance-based culture, which is based on the principles of *Service First, Fiscal Responsibility* and *Quality of Life* for Arapahoe County citizens, businesses and employees."

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Cutline: From left, Arapahoe County Treasurer Sue Sandstrom, Jefferson County Assessor Jim Everson, award winner Julie Rich, Arapahoe County Assessor Corbin Sakdol, Jefferson County Treasurer Tim Kauffman and Arapahoe County Information Technology Director David Bessen.