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Arapahoe County Fairgrounds Manager Jim Abendschan named Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs Southeast Director

Aurora, Colo. --- Arapahoe County Fairgrounds and Regional Park Site Manager Jim Abendschan is named the first Coloradoan Director of the Southeast Region of the Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs. As director, Abendschan will work with other fair managers to identify trends within the industry and organize opportunities for ongoing education.

Abendschan has earned several honors during his 16-year fair management career as Arapahoe County Fairgrounds and Regional Park Site Manager and as the former El Paso County Fair Manager. In 1999, he was Colorado Fair Manager of the Year and in 2004 Rocky Mountain Region Fair Manager of the Year. He's also obtained accreditation as a Certified Fair Executive.

Abendschan has received numerous awards for both fairs in agriculture, sponsorship and promotion from the International Association of Fairs and Expositions and the International Festival and Exposition Association. Abendschan also is a member of the National Western Stock Show Association and is a former Director of the Colorado Festival and Events Association.

Planning is underway for the Prairie Palooza Games at the 2012 Arapahoe County Fair, July 25 – 29. The county is now accepting vendor and sponsor applications. To learn more, visit www.arapahoecountyfair.com, become a fan on Facebook and sign up to receive the Arapahoe County Fair e-newsletter.

The Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs is a non-profit association established in 1926 that represents more than 100 fairs and agricultural shows in the Rocky Mountain Region.

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Abendschan: Arapahoe County Employee Jim Abendschan named Southeast Director of the Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs.