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Arapahoe County's Public Works and Development, Facilities and Fleet Management departments honored for innovation

Littleton, Colo. --- The Arapahoe County Public Works and Development and Facilities and Fleet departments continue to demonstrate innovative excellence by earning four first place awards from the Colorado Chapter of the American Public Works Association.

“Efficient use of taxpayer funds is top priority for Arapahoe County and these awards demonstrate the innovation of our employees as they continue to work to find more efficient and effective ways to serve our residents,” said Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld, who serves as Board Chair.

Arapahoe County received first place in the Engineering/Operations/Maintenance – Large Community category for the Culvert Survey project, which used Global Positioning Systems and web technology to gather specific culvert location data, conditions and photos. The detailed information in digital format enhances asset management giving Arapahoe County the ability to calculate overall culvert condition rating to track performance, maintenance and make budget decisions.

Public Works and Development also placed first in the Public Works Administration – Large Community category for Align Arapahoe, a strategic management system based on the Balanced Scorecard framework. Align Arapahoe has helped concentrate County efforts on strategic and performance management and has led to improved customer service and increased focus on strategic objectives.

Facilities and Fleet Management won first place in the Facilities Management/Maintenance – Large Community category for the Detention Center Re-roof project that reduced maintenance and energy costs of this 24/7 facility. The new roof is “Energy Star” rated, reducing roof surface temperatures and the resulting “heat island” effect. The new environmentally-friendly roof membrane is fully recyclable.

Facilities and Fleet Management also won first place in the Fleet Management/Operations – Large Community category for the Pre-Trip & Post-Trip Inspection Program, an electronic program that ensures the accuracy of pre-trip and post-trip vehicle inspections. The system enables “repair-before failure” strategies that lower operation costs and increase compliance.

The County's Public Works and Development department works to enhance the quality of life for all citizens by planning, improving and maintaining roads, infrastructure and land development, making Arapahoe County a preferred choice to live and work. Facilities and Fleet Management provides full service physical plant operations management, capital construction management, project management and lifecycle maintenance/repair of all vehicles and equipment. To learn more visit www.co.arapahoe.co.us.

The American Public Works Association is an international educational and professional association of public agencies, private sector companies and individuals dedicated to providing high quality public works goods and services.

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APWA_awards: The Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners pose with staff from the Public Works and Development and Facilities and Fleet departments who continue to demonstrate innovative excellence by earning four first place awards from the Colorado Chapter of the American Public Works Association.

Culvert: Arapahoe County received first for their Culvert Survey project. Pictured left to right: Vern Tabert, James Bunner, Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld, Tresia Brawley, Commissioner Susan Beckman, Jim Katzer, Commissioners Frank Weddig, Nancy Jackson and Nancy Sharpe.

AlignArapahoe: Public Works and Development also placed first for Align Arapahoe, a strategic management system based on the Balanced Scorecard framework. Pictured left to right: Dan Kennicutt, Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld, Dave Schmidt, Commissioner Susan Beckman, Connie Edelen, Commissioners Frank Weddig, Nancy Jackson and Nancy Sharpe.

DetentionReroof: Facilities and Fleet Management won first place for the Detention Center Re-roof project. Pictured left to right: Matt Reavis, Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld, Wayne Cooper, Commissioner Susan Beckman, Ann Beartlein, Commissioners Frank Weddig, Nancy Jackson and Nancy Sharpe.

InspectionProgram: Facilities and Fleet Management also won first place for the Pre-Trip & Post-Trip Inspection Program. Pictured left to right: Ernest Shackelford, Mike Borders, Randy Campbell, Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld, Kathy Beach, Commissioner Susan Beckman, Brock Hollingsworth, Commissioners Frank Weddig, Nancy Jackson and Nancy Sharpe.