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### **Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation and 9NEWS name Tamara Door as 2012 9NEWS Leader of the Year**

DENVER – The Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation and 9NEWS announced this week that Tamara “Tami” Door is the 2012 9NEWS Leader of the Year.

Door, president and CEO of the Downtown Denver Partnership (DDP), manages a \$9 million budget dedicated to building downtown holistically by focusing on retention and attraction of corporate headquarters and companies, urban planning and development, retail attraction and retention, public policy and transportation and housing initiatives.

Door has been awarded a number of honors, including the Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce Strategic Partner Award, and she was selected by both the *Denver Business Journal* and *Crain’s Detroit Business* as one of the Forty Under Forty in the local business community. She was also included in the *Denver Business Journal’s* Power Book.

In her position at the DDP, Door led an 18-month process to create the Downtown Area Plan, a 20-year vision for downtown Denver. As a member of the Downtown Area Plan Steering Committee, she helped lead a public outreach process that included feedback from more than 2,000 individuals in the Denver community. Door now serves as co-chairwoman of the 2027 Committee, which is responsible for driving implementation of this ambitious, 20-year plan.

In addition to spearheading the Downtown Area Plan, Door and the DDP produce popular community events each year, bringing more than one million people downtown annually. These events include A Taste of Colorado, the Parade of Lights, New Year’s Eve Fireworks and the Southwest Rink at Skyline Park.

In 2008, Door was one of only five nonprofit leaders awarded the Livingston Fellowship, which provided her a \$25,000 grant to visit both national and international cities to meet with government and business leaders to gain a better understanding of how they initiate and implement change. Through these visits,

Door created connections that helped her lead the effort to make downtown Denver one of the country's most vibrant city centers.

Maureen McDonald, executive director of the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation, said, "Tami's enthusiasm for city building is effectively inspiring collaborative efforts in land use, sustainable practices, economic development and care for the homeless. She is a strategist with the long view, and we are fortunate to have her championing our beloved city."

Door currently serves as chairwoman of the Auraria Higher Education Center Board of Directors, and she is a member of the following boards: Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Citywide Banks, Coalition for SmartTransit, VISIT DENVER and the International Downtown Association. She is a member of the Young Presidents' Organization and the Colorado Women's Forum.

Door has also done extensive work for Denver's Road Home, a plan that brings together foundations, corporations, communities of faith and people who live and work in the community to help end homelessness in Denver. Her commitment to economic development and compassion for ensuring that everyone has a place to call home has made her one of the most influential business leaders in the Denver's Road Home movement.

"We are very pleased that Tami Door is the 2012 9NEWS Leader of the Year," said 9NEWS' Mark Cornetta. "She joins a prestigious list of strong leaders who care deeply about our state's future. Tami is an outstanding business leader who is helping to change the face of downtown Denver for the benefit of all residents. Tami exemplifies the definition of the 9NEWS Leader of the Year."

Door will receive her award during the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation's inaugural Celebrating Civic Leadership Luncheon on Thursday, April 5, 2012, at the Denver Marriott City Center.

For more information, or to sign up for the event, go to: [www.denverleadership.org](http://www.denverleadership.org).

Previous winners of the 9NEWS Leader of the Year Award include:

- 2011 Rich Lewis, Founder, President and CEO, RTL Networks
- 2010 Eric Duran, Vice President, DA Davidson and Company
- 2009 James Mejía
- 2008 Carrie Besnette Hauser, President and CEO, Kauffman Scholars Inc., Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation
- 2007 Christine Benero, President and CEO, Mile High United Way
- 2006 Willie Shepherd, President, Shepherd Law Group P.C.
- 2005 Monica Robinson
- 2004 Chad McWhinney, President and CEO, McWhinney Enterprises
- 2003 Kathleen Novak, Associate Director, CLARC and Director, Rocky Mountain Program, University of Colorado Denver School of Public Affairs
- 2002 Doug Price, President and CEO, Rocky Mountain PBS
- 2001 Annette Quintana, CEO, Istonish Holding Company
- 2000 Joseph Serna, President, Dawa Enterprises
- 1999 Rob Cohen, CEO, IMA Financial Group

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