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## **Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation announces new executive director**

*Tameka Montgomery to take key leadership role*

DENVER—The Denver Metro Chamber announced today that Tameka Montgomery will join the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation as executive director on August 26, 2012.

Montgomery, most recently executive director of the Chamber's Denver Metro Small Business Development Center, manages three offices, a team of 23 staff and consultants and more than 45 volunteers serving more than 4,000 individuals and businesses each year. Under her leadership, the Denver Metro SBDC has achieved success by creating innovative programs and assembling a team of high-quality business advisors and network of resources. In 2011, the combined investments and resources supported the creation and retention of 2,800 jobs, \$15 million in capital investments and \$32 million in contracts for area small businesses.



Prior to the Denver Metro SBDC, Montgomery launched a business incubator that provided low-cost office space, business support services and technical assistance to area entrepreneurs. She is a past Presidential Management Fellow with the U.S. Department of Justice and a former Peace Corps volunteer.

"Tameka's entrepreneurial skill and dedication to the growth and development of small business has been an incredible asset to the Chamber and its affiliates for the past seven years," said Kelly Brough, president and

CEO of the Denver Metro Chamber. “Her connection and commitment to Colorado’s business community makes her a perfect fit for this role with the organization.”

Montgomery holds a bachelor’s degree from Spelman College and a master’s degree in public administration from Columbia University. In May 2012, Johnson & Wales University conferred upon Tameka an honorary doctorate of business administration in entrepreneurship.

“I am excited about shifting my focus from small business development to developing leadership programs that inspire civic engagement,” said Montgomery. “I am honored that Kelly Brough, the team and the Board of Directors have chosen me to lead such a reputable organization. I look forward to serving the business community, the Chamber and its affiliates in this new capacity.”

**About the Denver Metro Chamber**

*For nearly 150 years, the Denver Metro Chamber has been a leading voice for Colorado’s business community. With a membership that spans the state and includes 3,000 businesses and their 300,000 employees, the Chamber is an effective advocate for small and large businesses at the local, state and federal levels. Chamber affiliates, the Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation, the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation, the Denver Metro Small Business Development Center, the Colorado Competitive Council and the Colorado Space Coalition, play a vital role in defining the economic landscape of our state. For more information, go to [www.denverchamber.org](http://www.denverchamber.org).*