

## Media Advisory

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## Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation Seeking Nominations for the 2013 9NEWS Leader of the Year Award

DENVER – The Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation is accepting nominations for the 2013 9NEWS Leader of the Year Award. The winner will be presented with the award by the Denver Metro Leadership Foundation and 9NEWS at the Celebrating Civic Leadership Luncheon on April 11, 2013.

The 9NEWS Leader of the Year Award recognizes a community leader who has made a significant contribution to the Colorado community. This award goes to an extraordinary individual who, in the early stages of his or her career, has demonstrated character and competence. Nominations are welcome from throughout the state of Colorado.

"The Leadership Foundation is proud to partner with 9NEWS to honor an outstanding member of the Colorado community with the 9NEWS Leader of the Year Award," said Leadership Foundation executive director Tameka Montgomery. "I encourage the public to submit nominations for deserving individuals who are helping to improve the quality of life in our state."

The 9NEWS Leader of the Year Award has been given out since 1999, with Rob Cohen, CEO of IMA Financial Group, as the first recipient. Previous award winners include Tami Door, president and CEO of the Downtown Denver Partnership Inc. (2012); Rich Lewis, president and CEO of RTL Networks Inc. (2011); and Eric Duran, vice president of D.A. Davidson & Co, among many others.

Nominations will be accepted until 12 p.m. on November 30, 2012. All finalists will be notified in late December and must be available to interview with the selection committee on January 10, 2013. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Nominations may be completed and submitted online at www.9news.com/life/community/leaderoty/form.aspx.

## About the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation

An affiliate organization of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation provides content, context and access to inspire leaders to engage in issues critical to the region's success. The Leadership Foundation encourages community and civic trusteeship through a continuum of leadership programs including Leadership Denver, Access Denver, the Leadership Exchange, Impact Denver, Colorado Experience, Legacy Denver, the Leadership Alumni Network, Colorado in Context and the Colorado Leadership Alliance. For more information, go to <u>www.denverleadership.org</u>.

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