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**2008 EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL INDUSTRY AWARDS PRESENTED BY THE  
COLORADO SPRINGS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

(October 6, 2008) - The 2008 Excellence in Local Industry Awards were presented at a reception hosted by the Colorado Springs Economic Development Corporation on October 6th at The Broadmoor.

"These awards highlight the success and dynamism of our local primary employers," commented Dan Malinaric, Managing Director and Site Manager for Atmel and Chair of EDC's Council for Local Industry. "This year's award recipients are recognized, not only for their exceptional accomplishments, but also for their positive impact on our community."

The Longevity Award, given in recognition of a business celebrating a major milestone anniversary in the Pikes Peak Region, was presented to El Paso Western Pipelines for their 80<sup>th</sup> year anniversary.

The Innovation Award was presented to Neumann Systems Group for their pollution control system which can help reduce greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming.

The Public/Private Partnership Award was presented to Colorado Springs Utilities for their partnership with Neumann Systems Group. The successful testing and implementation of the new technology will help customers by keeping bills lower while reducing emissions.

CEA Technologies received the International Award, presented by the Office of International Affairs, for their market expansion to the Dominican Republic. This business strategy has enabled

substantial growth of new contract product design and development work in Colorado Springs resulting in increased revenue and employment.

Springs Fabrication, Inc. was honored with the Local Community Investment Award for the recent expansion of a 50,000 square foot fabrication bay. Including new equipment, the total investment exceeds \$5.5M. The company anticipates adding more than 50 employees over the next 6 months, increasing employment to nearly 200.

Northrop Grumman received the National Community Investment Award for a new 124,000 square foot office building. Northrop Grumman is a global defense and technology company whose 120,000 employees nationwide provide innovative systems, products, and solutions in information and services, electronics, aerospace and shipbuilding to government and commercial customers worldwide.

The Community Infrastructure Award was presented to the Pikes Peak Workforce Center in recognition of the Business and Education, Talent Readiness Project (BETR). Which coordinate services via the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Centers of Excellence. By creating this network of communication, the objective is to build STEM skilled workers ready and able to produce in a “knowledge economy”.

The Corporate Citizenship Award was presented to T. Rowe Price. In recognition of the T. Rowe Price Associates Foundation that supports the local communities where associates live and work through grants to non-profit organizations. All year long, teams of dedicated associates volunteer personal time to community service projects and events throughout the Pikes Peak region.

TAEUS International Corporation was also presented with the Corporate Citizenship Award for their donation of \$500,000 to St. Mary’ High School for the building of their athletic field complex, which benefits the entire community by allowing use for various athletic events. TAEUS also purchased a new scoreboard fro the Divine Redeemer School, and has donated over \$25,000.00 to

community groups such as Care & Share, The Marian House Soup Kitchen and others. TAEUS is an engineering firm which helps patent-holders benefit from intellectual property.

T. Rowe Price was selected to receive the first community award presented by the Colorado Springs Diversity Forum, The Inclusion Award. T. Rowe Price received this recognition for recruiting, developing, and retaining motivated and skilled individuals with varied backgrounds and experiences, and then offering programs to enhance employee awareness of global diversity and inclusion strategies.

The 2008 Chairperson's Awards, presented to companies that have made unique and exceptional contributions to the community, were presented to Mayor Lionel Rivera, City of Colorado Springs, LandCo Equity Partners and the United States Olympic Committee for their unique partnership which helped in the retention of the USOC to remain in Colorado Springs for the next 25 years.

*The mission of the Colorado Springs Economic Development Corporation, a private not-for-profit corporation, is to sustain quality of life through a healthy economy. It does so by providing economic development services that result in the current and future retention and attraction of primary jobs which provide for economic diversity, replacement of lost jobs and create job opportunities for those entering the workforce for the first time. [www.coloradosprings.org](http://www.coloradosprings.org).*