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2006 EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL INDUSTRY AWARDS PRESENTED BY THE COLORADO SPRINGS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

(November 2, 2006) - The 2006 Excellence in Local Industry Awards were presented at a reception hosted by the Colorado Springs Economic Development Corporation on November 2nd at The Broadmoor.

The Expansion Award was presented to T. Rowe Price. The company recently announced plans to add 650 jobs. The company was also recognized for its planned investment of \$55 million in the new three-story, 145,000 square foot expansion at the Colorado Springs campus.

The Longevity Award, given in recognition of a business celebrating a major milestone anniversary in the Pikes Peak Region, was presented to Sinton Dairy for their 126th year anniversary.

The Innovation Award for Information Technology was presented to Intelligent Software Solutions, (ISS) Inc. for their technology, used by military and law enforcement agencies, that converts massive amounts of data into useful intelligence. The Innovation Award for Bio-technology was presented to Pyxant Labs for their drug development support services provided to pharmaceutical development companies.

HemoGenix, Inc. received the International Award, presented by the Office of International Affairs, for their market expansions in Canada, Europe and Asia. The company manufactures assay kits that allow researchers involved in transplantation of patients with blood malignancies to perform their work more rapidly, efficiently and cost-effectively.

The Partnership Award was presented to the City's Rapid Response Team that expedites processes and approvals for local industry.

RT Logic was honored with a Community Investment Award for the three-story, 60,000 square foot building recently built by the company that has expansion capacity for a second 60,000 square foot building.

The Community Infrastructure Award, given in recognition of an organization that provides exceptional service and support in regard to community infrastructure, workforce, etc. was presented to the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

The Corporate Citizenship Award was presented to Intel. Intel has contributed over \$7.5 million since beginning their philanthropic endeavors in Colorado Springs in mid-2000.

The 2006 Chairperson's Awards, presented to companies that have made unique and exceptional contributions to the community, were given to the Space Foundation and the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center.

Brian Vogt, Executive Director of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade was presented with an award for his leadership in promoting key legislation that will provide for performance-based incentives to qualifying companies.

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.