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Arapahoe County Communication Services wins 15 awards IABC, NACIO recognize County for marketing and communication efforts

Arapahoe County's Communication Services department recently was recognized for communication excellence with 15 awards from the International Association of Business Communicators and the National Association of County Information Officers.

IABC is a worldwide network of communication professionals who are committed to the highest organizational communication standards. The professional organization was founded in 1970 and has more than 109 chapters and 13,000 members in 60 countries, including two chapters in Colorado. The Bronze Quill is IABC's highest local honor and recognizes excellence in communication management and communication skills.

Arapahoe County won a Bronze Quill for its Colorado Benefit Management System Ambassador Program and Award of Merit for its *Countyline News* employee newsletter, 2004 Annual Report, Homebuyer brochure and *Free Bugs to Good Home* and *Like Totally Awesome Dude* news releases.

NACIO, which is the sister organization to the National Association of Counties, honored Communication Services with nine awards during its Awards of Excellence competition. Programs and projects honored include the 2004 Annual Report, *Countyline News* employee newsletter; news release writing; graphic design, marketing for the 2004 4-H Completion Events and County Fair, and the Fight the Bite West Nile Virus and Foster Care Month Citizen Education campaigns.

Other projects recognized include the Take Your Child to Work Day event and Colorado Benefits Management System Ambassador program.

Communication Services employees honored by both organizations include: Liz Ellis, Creative Services Specialist II; Mindy Edstrom, Communication Services Specialist I; Andrea Rasizer, Communication Services Director and Katrina Seymour, Communication Services Specialist II.

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