

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

November 12, 2009

Contact for Reporters:Mike Masciola
NCEDC
(970) 667-0905
mmasciola@ncedc.com**NCEDC Announces 2009-2010 Board Officers**

Loveland, Colorado (November 13, 2009) – The Northern Colorado Economic Development Corporation (NCEDC) announces its Board Officers for 2009-2010. George Hayes from the Medical Center of the Rockies has been elected as Chairman of the Board. Joseph Scherger from Home State Bank will serve as Vice Chairman and Debbie Hansen from The Group Inc. will serve as Secretary.

"We look forward to the leadership George, Joe and Debbie will bring to the NCEDC's Board of Directors," said Mark Driscoll, Chair of NCEDC's Nominating Committee. "Their service as officers of the Board demonstrates their deep commitment to the economic vitality of our region."

George Hayes is President/CEO of the Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland, a member of the Poudre Valley Health System. He has over 25 years of progressive experience in the health care industry, coming from Saint Luke's Hospital in Kansas City where he served as Senior Vice President/Chief Operating Officer. George holds a B.A. from Colorado State University and a Masters in Health Care Administration from the University of Minnesota. He and his wife, Kimberly, live in Fort Collins and have three sons.

Joe Scherger has served on NCEDC's board since 2007 and is also a member of the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado's Loveland Community Fund Committee. Joe has served on various bank, hospital, economic development and community boards over his banking career as well as being involved in various community activities. Scherger began his banking career in 1985 in Lincoln, Nebraska and joined Home State Bank in 2003. He serves as Senior Vice President and is a member of the Board of Directors for the bank. Joe is a native Montanan and graduated from the University of Nebraska. Joe is married to Michele and they have four children and one grandchild.

Debbie Hansen has been a Broker Associate/Partner with The Group Inc. Real Estate for almost 11 years. She is highly committed to her clients and the real estate industry, as a result she one of the top producing agents in Northern Colorado. During her Real Estate Career she has been honored as President of the Loveland-Berthoud Association, "Rookie of the Year" in 2000 and "Realtor of the Year" in 2009. Her education includes an Undergraduate degree from University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Masters Degree from The University of Arizona. Debbie resides in Loveland with her husband, Nick and 2 children, Alec and Brooke.

Consisting of 23 NCEDC investors and Larimer County stakeholders representing a cross-section of the region's industries and communities, the Board of Directors oversees NCEDC's budget and guides strategic goals to improve and expand the region's economic competitiveness and industry base.

###