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RTD FasTracks Program Earns Honor for Quality Management

RARE RECOGNITION FOR TRANSIT INDUSTRY

Denver, May 4, 2011 – The RTD FasTracks program has been recognized for its excellence in quality management oversight. Orion Registrar, Inc., USA has issued the FasTracks program a Certificate of Registration for the quality management oversight program’s systematic approach to verifying that all contractors are producing a quality project.

Having the FasTracks oversight program registered to the ISO 9001 standard underscores the program management team’s commitment to quality.

“I’m very proud of this unique recognition,” said Rick Clarke, RTD FasTracks Assistant General Manager, Capital Programs. “This validates the hard work and tireless efforts of our staff and of the quality management team that developed the extensive oversight program we use to verify project quality,” Clarke said.

RTD is one of only a few transit agencies in the country to be honored with this registration. About 30,000 organizations in the United States are registered to the ISO 9001 standard, but the majority of these firms are in the manufacturing or service industry with dealings within the global marketplace. Achieving ISO 9001 registration indicates that the FasTracks program has a documented quality management system in place that is being adhered to consistently.

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“There are few local, state or national government agencies that are ISO registered,” said Kevin Diviness, RTD FasTracks Director of Quality Assurance. “The fact that FasTracks has earned this registration speaks volumes about the project’s commitment to quality and RTD’s continuing leadership in the transit industry,” Diviness said.

FasTracks is RTD’s voter-approved transit program to expand rail and bus service throughout the RTD service area. FasTracks will build 122 miles of commuter rail and light rail, 18 miles of bus rapid transit service, add 21,000 new parking spaces, redevelop Denver Union Station and redirect bus service to better connect the eight-county District. The FasTracks investment initiative is projected to create thousands of construction-related jobs during the height of construction, and will pump billions of dollars into the regional economy over the next 20 years.

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