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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****DOWNTOWN COLORADO, INC. (DCI) Announces 2020 Governor's Awards  
for Downtown Excellence Categories and Nomination Process**

January 21, 2020 -- DENVER, COLO. -- Downtown Colorado, Inc. (DCI) is now accepting nominations for the 2020 Governor's Awards for Downtown Excellence! Since 2003, the Governor's Awards for Downtown Excellence have recognized outstanding projects and people in Colorado that demonstrate creativity in the face of challenges, unlikely and enduring partnerships and dedication to community to further downtown initiatives.

Each year the Governor's Awards for Downtown Excellence serve as a highlight for DCI's IN THE GAME Vibrant Downtown Event, an annual conference for downtown champions, resources, and stewards. The 2020 IN THE GAME event will be in Colorado Springs, CO, April 14- 17 and the Governor's Awards will be presented on Thursday, April 16, 2020 in Colorado Springs. The Governor's Awards will celebrate the amazing projects and people that are committed to economic and community revitalization in Colorado.

The 2020 Governor's Awards for Downtown Excellence categories are:

- Partnership
- Person – Vicki Mattox Downtowner of the Year
- Place
- Plan
- Project

All 2020 nominated projects must be completed between January 1, 2018 and March 30, 2020. All submissions are due by Friday, February 28, 2020 which must include 1-5 photos. There is a \$100 fee for nominations. Winners will not be announced until the award ceremony on April 16, 2020.

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**About Downtown Colorado, Inc.**

Established in 1982 as the Colorado Community Revitalization Association, Downtown Colorado, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit membership organization that aims to build better communities by providing assistance to downtowns, commercial districts and town centers in Colorado. Organization members represent downtown organizations, local governments, development and improvement districts, consultants, individuals and others involved in downtown and community development.

**WE ARE THE DOERS**

**COMMITTED TO BUILDING DOWNTOWNS THAT ARE PROSPEROUS, EQUITABLE, CREATIVE, AND WELCOMING**