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Colorado Springs, Colorado | August 24, 2009: The Pikes Peak Regional Business Partnership (PPRBP) brings together eight area Chambers of Commerce and the Colorado Springs Convention and Visitors Bureau - with their 2700 member businesses, representing 90,000 employees - to work collectively in the pursuit of regional betterment, with a shared voice, mission and focus. Along with filing the group's governing documents with the state to incorporate as a 501(c)(6) nonprofit, the board of directors recently elected and confirmed the first lineup of officers for the new partnership.

In July, Debbie Miller, President of the Greater Woodland Park Chamber of Commerce, was tapped to serve as the PPRBP's first Chair. Dave Van Ness, Executive Director of the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce was named as Vice-Chair, and Terry Sullivan, President & CEO of the Experience Colorado Springs at Pikes Peak Convention and Visitor's Bureau was appointed to the Secretary/Treasurer post. The three have been recorded on official start-up documents as the PPRBP's first Executive Board.

Since November of 2005, **Debbie Miller** has served as President of the Greater Woodland Park Chamber of Commerce, applying 14 years of Chamber experience from South Carolina and Illinois - along with a substantial background in legislative and political arenas - to the needs of the growing Pikes Peak region. She is also the Chair-Elect of the Colorado Chamber of Commerce Executives.

**Dave Van Ness** became the Executive Director of the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce after serving as Membership Director for the Summit County Chamber in Frisco for two years, and brings over 25 years of Chamber relations to the mix. Earlier in his career as a software developer, his company had become the largest international installer of chamber software in the world.

By far the senior executive in the lineup, **Terry Sullivan** boasts over two decades of direct service as the President and CEO of the Experience Colorado Springs at Pikes Peak Convention & Visitors Bureau. With a distinguished armed service record to his credit, he has guided the organization to a series of national awards and recognitions, while assuring the development of a community infrastructure that meets the needs of a growing tourism industry.

The nine members of the PPRBP include: the Black Chamber of Commerce, Greater Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Eastern Plains Chamber of Commerce, Experience Colorado Springs at Pikes Peak Convention & Visitors Bureau, Fountain Valley Chamber of Commerce, Southern Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce, Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, and the Greater Woodland Park Chamber of Commerce.

**PIKES PEAK REGIONAL BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP MEMBERS**

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303.803.3613 | Colorado Springs Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
719.683.5755 | Eastern Plains Chamber of Commerce  
719.685.7633 | Experience Colorado Springs at Pikes Peak Convention & Visitors Bureau

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