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Colorado Lending Source's Executive Director Receives Amy McDowell Award during National Small Business Week

DENVER—On May 2, 2018 Mike O'Donnell, Executive Director of Colorado Lending Source, was awarded the Amy McDowell Service to Small Business Award during the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Award Ceremony in celebration of National Small Business Week. This prestigious award was created in honor of a long-time SBA Colorado District Office employee who was dedicated to the betterment of all entrepreneurs. This award is presented to an individual who goes above and beyond the normal call of duty and is dedicated to serving small businesses whole-heartedly.

Upon accepting the award, Mike stated, "Amy was an amazing person, and receiving this award is a true honor. My goal and Colorado Lending Source's goal is to help make Colorado the best state in the nation to start and grow a businesses."

Colorado Lending Source also received the Large Certified Development Company (CDC) of the Year Award. Additional awards were given during the ceremony, which included:

- SBA 7(a) Small Lender Award: CoBiz Financial
- SBA 7(a) Large Lender Award: Wells Fargo Bank
- SBA 504 Small CDC Award: Pikes Peak Regional Development Corporation
- Dwight D. Eisenhower Award: Hensel Phelps Construction Company
- SBA 8(a) Graduate Award: Maria Velez, Ayuda Companies
- Region VIII Small Business Advocate Award: MICC Fort Carson 918 Contracting Battalion
- SBDC Excellence and Innovation Award: Sharon King, Boulder SBDC

The Colorado District Wall of Fame Inductee was presented to Jon and Adam Schlegel, owners of Snooze AM Eatery, and the Small Business Person of the Year was awarded to Margot Langstaff and Elisa Hamill of LifeHealth.

About National Small Business Week

Every year since 1963, the president has issued a proclamation calling for the celebration of National Small Business Week to recognize critical contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners. Workshops, events and celebrations of Colorado's entrepreneurs and small business owners will occur throughout the state from April 29-May 5. You can find a full list of events and participating organizations by visiting www.coloradolendingsource.org/smallbizweek.

About Colorado Lending Source

Colorado Lending Source cares about small business, about creating long-term alliances with our lending partners and borrowers, about being a resource to empower entrepreneurs and about making Colorado the best state in the nation to start and grow a business. We partner with local lenders, government agencies and resource partners to make access to capital more attainable for small businesses. In 2017 Colorado Lending Source approved at total of 266 loans to help create 1,693 jobs and injected \$415,215,741.04 into the economy. As a mission-based lender and small business-financing expert, we are committed to fostering the economic growth of diverse small businesses within their communities. More information can be found at www.coloradolendingsource.org.