



Rick Whipple Appointed Chair-Elect of SMDCC Board of Directors

Littleton, Colo., July 1, 2013—Richard J. Whipple, CEO of WhippleWood CPAs, has been appointed Chair-Elect of the Board of Directors of the South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce (SMDCC). The SMDCC is a not-for-profit business advocacy group founded in 1921. Today, with 92 years under its belt, the SMDCC is one of the most influential forces in local Colorado government and regional economic development. With more than 1,300 members incorporating over 85,000 employees, the SMDCC is actively involved in public policy and providing valuable resources to its members. The SMDCC offers unprecedented benefits and opportunities to help local businesses prosper. The dynamic membership, combined as one, is a significant power in the community and is part of the successful shaping of the Colorado lifestyle we love.

Rick also currently serves as the Chair for the SMDCC Economic Development Group, a regional organization of business and community leaders working together to enhance the economic climate of South Metro Denver.

As CEO of WhippleWood CPAs, Rick has successfully managed the growth and strategy of the firm for the past eight years. In addition to his day-to-day management of the firm, Rick also consults for WhippleWood clients in general business areas, strategic tax planning and issues facing emerging businesses. In 2013, he was named a FIVE STAR Wealth ManagerSM for a fourth time, an award given to only the top 7% of wealth managers in the area.

About WhippleWood CPAs

WhippleWood CPAs has provided a wide range of accounting, tax and business consulting services to individuals and business clients in a variety of industries for more than 30 years. In 2012, for the third consecutive year, the firm was named one of the top 250 private companies in Colorado by *ColoradoBiz* magazine. WhippleWood CPAs emphasizes excellence in the workplace and has developed a team approach to providing services, establishing ongoing relationships with advisors from other professions, including legal, banking, financial planning, investing and insurance services.