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## Douglass Colony Group honored by city

There are many reasons Douglass Colony Group has become successful in its 52 years in business, the past 27 of which have been in Commerce City. One, according to owner Robert Bechtholdt, is its location; the other being able to work with a friendly local government that helps small businesses succeed.

“We’re able to work with the city in order to get the things we need done,” Bechtholdt said after Douglass Colony Group, formerly Douglass Roofing, won the Small-Business of the Year Award, which was presented by the City of Commerce City. “In other cities, it’s tough to do business sometimes.”

Douglass Colony Group was one of five Commerce City businesses nominated for the Small Business of the Year Award. The other finalists included Colographics, Inc., Davita Commerce City Dialysis, Alpine Waste and Recycling, and Werth Manor.

“Douglass Colony Group is a great company; it cares about its employees, and it cares about Commerce City,” Natale said. “It’s a company that the city looks forward to working with for years to come.”

Along with its headquarters in Commerce City, Douglass Colony Group also has offices in Greeley, Colorado Springs and Glenwood Springs.

“We have 80 vehicles and service trucks,” Bechtholdt continued, “and we truck everything out of the Commerce City office. In our location, it’s easy to get in and out. We have easy access to E-470, I-70, I-25, I-76 and to the rest of the state.”

According to Bechtholdt, Douglass Colony Group employs approximately 250, and the company kept the commute times for the employees in the forefront when it considered



**Robert Bechtholdt, right, of Douglass Colony Group, addresses the crowd after receiving the Small Business of the Year Award from the City of Commerce City. The award was presented at the Business/ Investors Appreciation event at Buffalo Run Golf Course.**

### Finalists

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expanding and relocating its operations.

“We found that most of our employees lived within 15 miles of the office,” Bechtholdt said. “So when we were looking for new space, we kept that in mind. It turned out that our move wasn’t very far and we were able to stay in Commerce City.”

City Economic Development Director Brittany Morris echoed Mayor

Natale’s comments.

“Douglass Colony Group is a highly respected company that has worked on several high profile projects across the Denver metro area,” Morris said. “Douglass Colony Group is one of the main-stays of Commerce City’s business community and is very deserving of this award.”

The company focuses on commercial roofing projects and employs about 250 people. Bechtholdt said company projects include working on St. Anthony’s Hospital, the new Federal Center in Lakewood, Northfield’s shopping center, DIA and Commerce City’s Civic Center.

Douglass Colony Group received the award at the 3rd Annual Business/ Investors Appreciation Event on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at Buffalo Run Golf Course. The event was put on by the city and sponsored by Pete Gunderson. Approximately 100 people representing Commerce City businesses and investors attended the event.