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City of Centennial selects Scott Blumenreich as new Innovation Team Manager

(Centennial, CO) – The City of Centennial has selected Scott Blumenreich as manager of its new Innovation Team, a program funded through a 3-year, \$1.5 million grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies.

The City of Centennial was one of 12 cities in the U.S. selected in December 2014 to participate in the \$45 million expansion of Bloomberg Philanthropies' Innovation Teams program. In Centennial, the new Innovation Team or "i-team" will initially focus on improving mobility across all modes of transportation throughout the City. Some goals the City will address include applying new technologies and creative concepts to help improve traffic flow, reduce motor vehicle traffic congestion hours and related costs, improve pedestrian and bicycle safety – such as safe routes to schools – and so much more.



Formerly the Deputy Chief Information Officer of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), Scott has spent the past few years as an Executive IT Consultant providing services to a diverse set of industry leaders. While at NREL, Scott was responsible for delivering institution-wide IT services for scientific research, business and operational systems. During his tenure and in support of national efforts to move toward a new 'Green Energy Economy', he led the Information Systems Office strategic planning efforts during an expansive period of growth of more than 100 percent in both human and capital resources, in support of a public, private and governmental client base.

Having begun his career in traditional grant-based research focused primarily on cholesterol metabolism, Blumenreich transitioned early on to lead technology transformation efforts in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries and subsequently moved into cross-organizational IT leadership roles. Scott led an international effort for both North and South America to standardize computing platforms, Information security systems and quality standards conforming to both US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and European Medicines Agency (EMA) guidelines.

"I'm so very excited to have this opportunity to lead the City of Centennial's Innovation Team initiative," says Blumenreich. "With support from Bloomberg Philanthropies, we are uniquely positioned not only to consider ways to dramatically improve the daily lives of our citizens, but to embed a culture of innovation into our City government to help drive positive, effective change and support momentum for continuous improvement. Our team will be extremely collaborative bringing together City leadership, both local and regional economic development partners and our citizens, to realize our unified mission

of making Centennial a national leader in utilizing innovative design and emerging technologies to improve our everyday lives.”

Blumenreich holds a Master’s Degree in Information Systems from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a minor in Chemistry and emphasis in Genetics from Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colorado.

"Bloomberg Philanthropies' "i-teams" program provides the framework to effectively design and implement new approaches to meet challenges throughout the City of Centennial," says Mayor Cathy Noon. "We're excited to have Scott on board as the new i-team manager and for the innovative work that lies ahead."

Innovation team grants were also awarded to Albuquerque, NM; Boston, MA; Centennial, CO; Long Beach, CA; Los Angeles, CA; Mobile, AL; Minneapolis, MN; Peoria, IL; Rochester, NY; Seattle, WA; and Syracuse, NY, as well as Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, Israel.

The City of Centennial anticipates all five i-team positions to be filled within the next month. Visit www.CentennialCO.gov/iteam for more information.

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