

**DDP Downtown Awards Ceremony
Acceptance Remarks
May 21, 2008**

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We have about 90 seconds for our remarks

Accepting the award on behalf of DURA is Former Board Chair and current Board member Tom Stokes and Executive Director Tracy Huggins.

Tom Stokes:

Thank you. As you have seen, the Denver Urban Renewal Authority has worked to reclaim blighted, run down and dilapidated residential and commercial properties; turning them into new, viable community assets for 50 years.

We do not do this work alone – and are proud to collaborate with the City of Denver, developers, contractors, financial institutions, homeowners, neighborhood organizations and businesses. It is because of these partnerships that we have been able to help turn “what was” into “what can be”. We are honored to have our efforts recognized by the Downtown Denver Partnership with such a significant and prestigious award.

Roughly 45 seconds

Tracy Huggins:

DURA’s 11 Board members, appointed to 5 year terms by Denver’s Mayors, volunteer their time and effort to set DURA’s course to turn new visions to reality. We want to sincerely thank all of the people who have guided DURA in this capacity. And to the many professionals who have served on the DURA staff...you have truly made a positive difference in our community through your tireless efforts to solve challenges many believed impossible. Thank you all very much!

Roughly 30 seconds

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