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**JIM BLAIR RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED EAGLE SCOUT AWARD**

DENVER, COLO – February 20, 2009 – Jim Blair has been awarded the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award upon nomination by the Denver Area Council and the Boy Scouts of America. This award is granted to Eagle Scouts who, after 25 years, have distinguished themselves in their life work and who have shared their talents with their communities on a voluntary basis. Jim Blair received his Eagle Scout Award from Troop 12 on November 9, 1965 in Lakeview, Oregon. Jim will be recognized at the Eagle Scout Recognition Banquet on Friday, February 20, 2009, along with 453 Scouts in the Denver Metro Area for achieving Eagle Scout at the Renaissance Hotel located at 3801 Quebec Street at 6:30pm.

Jim has distinguished himself through his career and through his continued service to his country and other people by following the principles of the Scout Oath and Law through meeting the community service needs through his voluntary actions. As the President of Integrated Risk Management Solutions, (IRMS) a consulting practice that provides risk assessment and planning services world-wide, with a unique capability to assist businesses in developing an enterprise-wide and earnings based approach to Risk Management, Jim is a recognized Risk Management leader and Global Chief Compliance/Risk Officer delivering more than \$200 Million in corporate gains at three Fortune 500 companies.

Jim served as a delegate of the United States industry group to the G-8 international assembly on Cyber-Terrorism, served as President of the entertainment industry's Broadband and Internet Services Theft Task Force and led AT&T Broadband's representation on the Cable Laboratories Network Security Architecture Advisory Council and the National Cable and Telecommunications Association Committee on Cable Service Theft.

Jim graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) in 1970 where he served as Student Body President from 1968 to 1969. He also held the position of President of the College Fraternity Iota Phi Theta from 1967 to 1968. He was recognized as the OIT Distinguished Alumni in 1988, for success in his business career and contributions to the college. As Chair of the OIT President's Industry Advisory Council from 1986 to 1996 he led the development of the college's first long range strategic plan. During his tenure as President of the OIT Alumni Association from 1988 to 1998 he also led the initiation of the Association which then developed connections and support from alumni who had graduated during a 50+ year period.

Currently, Jim is a key leader serving as Council Commissioner and Trustee of the Denver Area and National Council - Boy Scouts of America. Jim also serves as an advisor to the Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center Board of Directors and is a member of the United Way Bridging the Gap Board. He has been recognized by Colorado's Governor and State Legislature for his commitment to youth. He and his wife Adoree have been foster parents for more than 20 years serving more than 70 of Colorado's children in need.

The National Eagle Scout Association Committee, under the direction of Alumni Relationships, National Office, Boy Scouts of America, selects the recipients of this award. The members of the selection committee are all recipients of the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award.

The Distinguished Eagle Scout Award was implemented in 1969 and since that time approximately 1,785 nominations have been approved. Only the local council of the Eagle Scout's principal residence may nominate. The Denver Area Council, Boy Scouts of America proudly honors Jim Blair with the National Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. Thank you Jim for all you have done for Boy Scouts and Colorado's children!

#### About Denver Boy Scouts

The Denver Area Council serves over 60,000 youth through the assistance and mentorship of over 10,000 adult volunteers. The Denver Area Council continues its nearly 100-year tradition of strengthening youth and their families through the delivery of time-honored Scouting programs. The Boy Scouts of America provides youth the opportunity to try new things, provide services to others, build self-confidence, and reinforce ethical standards. Scouting prepares young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

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