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**President of Blue Star Recyclers is
2011 Colorado Springs Small Business Person of the Year**

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO – June 9, 2011. The Colorado Springs Small Business Development Center and Better Business Bureau of Southern Colorado named Bill Morris, President of Blue Star Recyclers, Colorado Springs Small Business Person of the Year at its annual Small Business Day celebration. The selection was made from nominations of business leaders and considered company sales growth, number of employees, and community contributions.

Morris operates Blue Star Recyclers, which provides electronics recycling services in southern Colorado to create jobs for people with disabilities. While serving as a program manager at Community Intersections in 2008 he recognized a strong alignment of skills between workers and their ability to disassemble electronic materials for recycling. He then developed a vocational program employing four disabled persons. In 2009, Morris formed Blue Star Recyclers with Tony and Mary Fagnant, who own and operate Qualtek Manufacturing in Colorado Springs. Morris and the Fagnants created the electronics recycling company to provide employment to people from the Community Intersections vocational program. In only a year and a half of operations, Blue Star Recyclers has created 14 jobs (10 for people with disabilities), ethically recycled over a million pounds of toxic electronics, and raised over \$22,000 for local nonprofits by holding over 50 community collection events.

Morris served as chairperson of the Sustainability Committee for the 2009 and 2010 Pikes Peak Earth Day and is a member of the Sustainability Advisory Council of the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce. Blue Star Recyclers recently received the 2011 Recycler of the Year award from the Colorado Association for Recycling (CAFR) and Employer of the Year from the Arc of the Pikes Peak Region.

Blue Star Recyclers is a non-profit organization formed with the mission to promote public education and ethical electronics recycling as a way to create vocational opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Located in Colorado Springs, the company serves electronic recycling needs of businesses and residents. More information is available at www.bluestarreyclers.com