

**Darlene Scott**, Eastern Plains Regional Community Representative

Darlene Scott has been working with local, state and federal governments for the past 25 years representing rural communities and businesses. She has been involved with the economic development organizations and local governments in the Eastern Colorado Region with the intent to retain expand and create quality jobs; work closely with local businesses, governments, and economic development organizations to achieve these goals through the numerous resource programs. She developed and managed the successful Colorado Community Assessment Program that provided leadership, direction and resources to assist communities in meeting their economic development goals and objects.

Darlene has a strong background in community relations, marketing, tourism development and promotion, grant writing, public relations, special events, strategic planning and business development. She worked for the City of Burlington for 17 years as the Director of the Old Town Museum and then was appointed as the Community Development Director and the last 8 years as the Eastern Plains Business Development Director for the Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade serving 18 rural communities.

Scott has been actively involved in local, regional, state and national tourism and economic development boards. She has and is serving on several state and regional boards and committees: Colorado Agri-Women; Economic Development Council of Colorado (EDCC) Professional Development/Education Committee; Northeast Penrose Nonprofit Institute (El Pomar); South EastColorado Business Retention, Expansion & Attraction (SEBREA), Northeast Colorado Economic Developers Advisory Committee, Colorado Brownfields Advisory Council and involved in Action 22 and Progressive 15. Darlene received the "2008 Economic Developer of the Year EDIE Award" for the Economic Development Council of Colorado and was accepted to attend the American Agri-Women Ag Leadership program in April 2012.

She has a Degree in Business Management from Southwestern AG University; Certified Economic Developer University of Oklahoma and Interior Design Certification from Emily Griffith School. Darlene and her husband Steve are third generation agricultural producers and raise dry land and irrigated wheat and corn. She enjoys golfing, traveling and spending time with family and friends.