



State's 'Economic Engines' Recognized By Arizona Business Magazine

Phoenix, Oct. 30, 2008 – The people, products, places and services that make Arizona tick were honored last night by Arizona Business Magazine at its Third Annual Economic Engines of Arizona Awards. The ceremony took place at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Phoenix, and was presented by the Arizona Lottery, Eide Bailly LLP, and Camelback Volkswagen. The Arizona Association for Economic Development, the Arizona Tourism Alliance, Sonoran Visual Media and SCF Arizona were event sponsors.

Combined, the winners directly employ thousands of people and indirectly employ tens of thousands more. Their positive impact on the state's economy encompasses payrolls, taxes, infrastructure improvements, charitable contributions, quality-of-life enhancements and more. In short, they exemplify the best of what drives Arizona's economy.

"Each of the 82 nominees has made a significant economic impact to Arizona's growth and stability," states Josh Schimmels, Vice President of Business Development for Arizona Business Magazine. "In some cases, the impact is felt statewide, while in others it is more of a direct impact to their surrounding communities or regions."

The 2008 Economic Engines Honorees are:

- ABM Janitorial Services
- The Alter Group
- Arizona Cardinals
- ASU's Gammage Auditorium
- Discount Tire Co.
- Earnhardt Automotive Group
- Economic Vitality Department, City of Scottsdale
- Fort Huachuca
- Gov. Janet Napolitano
- Johnson Bank Arizona
- National Bank of Arizona
- SCF Arizona
- Joe Snell, president and CEO, Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities (TREO)
- City of Tempe
- The Thunderbirds
- Gregory Weiner, director, Office of Business Attraction, Arizona Department of Commerce

The winners of the Third Annual Economic Engines of Arizona Awards are featured in the November issue of Arizona Business Magazine, www.azbusinessmagazine.com.

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About Arizona Business Magazine:

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