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***Business Facilities* magazine names Tucson an Editors' Location Pick**

-- Tucson named in October 2009 cover story --

Tucson, AZ (November 5, 2009) – *Business Facilities*, a national business magazine for site selectors and corporate real estate professionals, has recognized Tucson in its October 2009 cover story as one of its editors' choices for cities that are surviving and thriving during the economic downturn. The article credits Tucson's strong base in aerospace/defense manufacturing and solar energy as positioning the region for major growth and development in the future. "Editor's Picks" were based on locations that drew their attention during the previous months for quick adjustment to the dramatically changing economic landscape.

According to the magazine's editors, emerging sectors like biotechnology and alternative energy are moving to the top of the national agenda. Tucson is recognized for its quick action to take advantage of this through the Green Jobs Initiative and expanding solar technology sector.

Tucson is quickly becoming one of the most recognized places for site selection. *Business Facilities* also named Tucson No. 6 on its list of the top 10 metro areas for aerospace/defense manufacturing in its fifth annual ranking report, released in the magazine's August 2009 issue.

Tucson has also recently ranked as a hotspot for young professionals as well as a "Fast City." In June, Next Generation Consulting ranked Tucson No. 16 on its list of the best places to live and work for young professionals in cities with a population of more than 500,000. And in May, *Fast Company* magazine ranked Tucson as one of the top 12 "Fast Cities" in the world.

"We should all be proud that in just a few short years, the Tucson region is gaining national attention for its business development success. TREO's work with over 40 companies in business attraction and expansion is getting considerable notice for job development and capital investment," says Joe Snell, TREO president and CEO.

For more information on these rankings visit www.treoaz.org.

About TREO (Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities, Inc.)

TREO's mission is to provide insight, infrastructure, resources and development efforts to accelerate economic prosperity throughout the Southern Arizona region. TREO supports the creation of new business, the growth and expansion of existing businesses, and the attraction of companies that offer high-impact jobs and share the community's values. For more information, visit www.treoaz.org.

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