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## **Twelve Finalists Selected for the Scottsdale Area Chamber's 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sterling Awards**

Scottsdale, Arizona (September 23, 2011) – The Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the finalists in its 26th Anniversary Sterling Awards competition, recognizing local companies that have demonstrated excellence, innovation and community stewardship through their business practices. The winners of this prestigious award will be announced at a gala luncheon on Tuesday, November 29, 2011. The event is hosted by the Chaparral Suites Resort Scottsdale, and individual tickets are available for \$75. Tickets can be reserved online at [www.scottsdalechamber.com](http://www.scottsdalechamber.com) or by calling 480.355.2700.

Four teams of volunteer judges evaluated all applicants, resulting in the following finalists:

**Micro Business** (1-6 Employees) - *Sponsored by Arizona American Water*  
Recognizes an emerging business exhibiting success through innovation, creativity and collaboration

Arizona Community Farmers Markets @ Old Town Scottsdale  
[www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com](http://www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com)

Reliable Background Screening  
[www.reliablebackgroundscreening.com](http://www.reliablebackgroundscreening.com)

Breslau Insurance & Benefits, Inc.  
[www.breslauinsurance.com](http://www.breslauinsurance.com)

**Small Business** (7-99 employees) - *Sponsored by Cox Business*

Recognizes a small company demonstrating innovation, quality, professionalism and commitment to community.

GlobalMed

[www.globalmed.com](http://www.globalmed.com)

Hot Air Expeditions. inc

[www.hotairexpeditions.com](http://www.hotairexpeditions.com)

Homeowners Financial Group

[www.homeownersfg.com](http://www.homeownersfg.com)

**Big Business** (100+ Employees)

Recognizes a large company making a significant impact on the lives of its employees and the economic fabric of the community.

Magellan Health Services of Arizona

[www.magellanhealth.com](http://www.magellanhealth.com)

DMB Associates, Inc

[www.dmbinc.com](http://www.dmbinc.com)

Hotel Valley Ho

[www.hotelvalleyho.com](http://www.hotelvalleyho.com)

**Non-Profit** - *Sponsored by APS*

Recognizes a charitable organization contributing to the social, cultural, educational well-being of its constituents.

Gabriel's Angels

[www.gabrielsangels.org](http://www.gabrielsangels.org)

National MS Society, Arizona Chapter

[www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org)

Scottsdale League for the Arts

[www.leagueforthearts.org](http://www.leagueforthearts.org)

Originating in 1985, the Sterling Awards are among the most coveted business awards in the Valley, with a rigorous application, judging and selection process. For the award's 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, festivities include a luncheon awards ceremony and a video profile of the winners and finalists. As one of the Chamber's signature events, the Sterling Awards program embodies the spirit of our organization by celebrating the people and companies that make our community a great place to live, work and play.

Additional sponsors of the Sterling Awards include: Cox Business Services, Arizona American Water, APS, Chaparral Suites Resort Scottsdale, Hotel Valley Ho, Merestone, Oliver Smith Jeweler, SRP, Sun Devil Trophy, Signs by Tomorrow, Republic Media, Best Companies AZ, Print Time and Mutual of Omaha Bank.

The Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce is the largest business organization in Scottsdale providing advocacy, education, networking, leadership and exposure opportunities to our member businesses. The Chamber actively works to maintain Scottsdale's high quality of life and create an environment where business innovation, excellence and entrepreneurship can thrive. For more information visit [www.scottsdalechamber.com](http://www.scottsdalechamber.com) or call 480.355.2700.

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