



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 23, 2011

Contacts:

Rick Kidder
President & CEO
480.949.2175

rkidder@scottsdalechamber.com

Cari Woods
Events Manager
480.355.2720

cwoods@scottsdalechamber.com

Twelve Finalists Selected for the Scottsdale Area Chamber's 26th 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 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

Reliable Background Screening
www.reliablebackgroundscreening.com

Breslau Insurance & Benefits, Inc.
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

Hot Air Expeditions. inc

www.hotairexpeditions.com

Homeowners Financial Group

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

DMB Associates, Inc

www.dmbinc.com

Hotel Valley Ho

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

National MS Society, Arizona Chapter

www.nationalmssociety.org

Scottsdale League for the Arts

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 26th 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 or call 480.355.2700.

###