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SCF Named ‘Economic Engine’ of Arizona

AZBusiness magazine named SCF Arizona one of the state’s “Economic Engines” during its annual ceremony in October.

The monthly publication honored SCF for its proactive efforts to keep workers’ compensation insurance premiums low despite spiraling healthcare costs, making Arizona an attractive place for businesses.

Specifically, *AZBusiness* cited SCF initiatives that help cut costs, including: the Preferred Connection Network; Right to Work/Stay program; partnership with 82 business and trade organization through its Association Safety Program; returning \$1.5 billion since 1970 to businesses in the form of safety dividends; advocacy of workplace safety through sponsorship of the statewide Safety Works Expos and offering other safety seminars; and community involvement through charitable giving, volunteerism and public outreach.

SCF President & CEO Don Smith says the recognition is important for the company.

“We have been working hard to shift the image and role of SCF from that of a reactive bureaucracy to that of an institution that promotes innovative and forward thinking economic development opportunities in Arizona. By doing so, I believe we will gain influence and a seat at the table, as the future of this state, and this region of the country unfolds,” Smith says.

“Because the decisions concerning our state and region will help to sustain the success of SCF and our customers, we must have a strong voice,” Smith adds.

Fourteen other organizations statewide received Economic Engine recognition and are featured in the publication’s November issue.

SCF Arizona is the state’s largest provider of workers’ compensation insurance, covering more than 57,000 Arizona companies, representing nearly 70 percent of the market.