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GPEC Announces Fiscal Year 08 Board of Directors

October 31, 2007 (Phoenix, Arizona) – The Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) has finalized appointments for this fiscal year’s Board of Directors and welcomes both newly appointed and returning Directors.

“GPEC’s success would not be possible without the tremendous leadership of our Board of Directors,” said Barry Broome, GPEC president and CEO. “The Board is committed to helping GPEC strengthen our traction in international attraction, emerging technology, responsible development and competitiveness.”

The Board of Directors will be led by Chair R. Neil Irwin, partner at Bryan Cave, and Vice-Chair Michael Bidwill, president of the Arizona Cardinals. Board officers include Treasurer Rich Dozer, principal, cdk Partners; Secretary Ivan Johnson, vice president, community relations/tele video, Cox Communications; and Immediate Past Chair Kathleen H. Goepfinger, Ph.D., president and CEO, Midwestern University.

“I am proud and honored to serve as Chair of an organization so vital to the economic growth and environmental sustainability of our region,” said Irwin. “The collaborative efforts of Barry and GPEC staff, together with our public partners and business leadership, should continue the economic development successes so important to us all.”

New appointments to the Executive Committee include Paul Johnson, chief executive officer, Old World Homes and former Phoenix mayor; Don Kile, senior vice president, The Ellman Companies; and Brian Mueller, president, The Apollo Group.

New Board members include The Honorable Kelly Anderson, mayor, City of Maricopa; The Honorable Robert Barrett, mayor, City of Peoria; Brian Campbell, attorney, Bonn and Wilkins; Rick Dietz, councilmember, City of Apache Junction; Mernoy Harrison, Ph.D., vice president and executive vice provost, Arizona State University Downtown Phoenix; Ronnie Lopez, president, Phoenix International Consultants; Katie Pushor, president and CEO, Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce; Steve M. Shope, Ph.D., president and acting COO, Cognitive Engineering Research Institute; Don Smith, president and CEO, SCF Arizona; and Sheri Wakefield-Saenz, deputy community development manager, City of Tempe and Chair of GPEC’s Economic Development Directors Team. A complete Board of Directors list is included below.

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Mayors from GPEC's member communities and the organization's Nominating Committee are responsible for appointing Board Directors. The one-year terms are approved annually during GPEC's September Board meeting.

For more information about GPEC, please visit www.gpec.org.

GPEC FY 2008 Board Officers

CHAIRMAN

R. Neil Irwin, Partner, Bryan Cave, LLP

VICE-CHAIR

Michael Bidwill, President, Arizona Cardinals

TREASURER

Rich Dozer, Principal, cdk Partners

SECRETARY

Ivan Johnson, Vice President, Community Relations/Tele Video, Cox Communications

IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRMAN

Kathleen H. Goeppinger, Ph.D., President and CEO, Midwestern University

GPEC FY 2008 Board of Directors (in alphabetical order)

The Honorable Kelly O. Anderson, Mayor, City of Maricopa

Jason Bagley, Government Affairs Manager, Intel*

Dennis Barney, President, Landmark Property*

The Honorable Robert Barrett, Mayor, City of Peoria

Ed Beasley, City Manager, City of Glendale

The Honorable Steven M. Berman, Mayor, Town of Gilbert

Donald E. Brandt, President and Chief Financial Officer, APS*

The Honorable Fulton Brock, Chairman and County Supervisor, District 1, Maricopa County

Board of Supervisors

The Honorable Bobby Bryant, Mayor, Town of Buckeye

Ben Campbell, Chairman and CEO, Chase*

Brian Campbell, Attorney, Bonn and Wilkins

José Cárdenas, Chairman, Lewis and Roca

Bradley Casper, President and CEO, The Dial Corporation/A Henkel Company

Greg Coxon, Senior Managing Director, CB Richard Ellis

Michael Crow, Ph.D., President, Arizona State University

Rick Dietz, Councilmember, City of Apache Junction

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Mark Dobbins, Senior Vice President, Human Resources and General Affairs, SUMCO, Phoenix Corporation

The Honorable Boyd Dunn, Mayor, City of Chandler

Cathy Eckstein, Chief Marketing Officer, Insight Enterprises

Robert Enderle, Director of Community Relations, Medtronic*

Peter Fine, President and CEO, Banner Health

The Honorable Adolfo Gamez, Mayor, City of Tolleson

Kevin Gillette, Senior Vice President, Arizona Market Executive, Bank of America

Rufus Gласper, Ph.D., Chancellor, Maricopa Community Colleges

MaryAnn Guerra, Chief Business Officer, TGen and President, TGen Accelerators, LLC

Barry Halpern, Partner, Snell and Wilmer

Sharon Harper, President and CEO, The Plaza Companies*

Mernoy Harrison, Ph.D., Vice President and Executive Vice Provost, Arizona State University
Downtown Phoenix

Jim Hartman, Chair, Economic Development Advisory Committee, Town of Wickenburg

Jon Held, Executive Vice President and CFO, The Arizona Republic

Gregg Holmes, CEO, DiCOM Grid*

C.A. Howlett, Senior Vice President, Public Affairs, US Airways

Paul Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, Old World Homes*

Don Kile, Senior Vice President, The Ellman Companies*

David Krietor, Deputy City Manager, City of Phoenix*

Joseph LaRue, Executive Vice President of Properties, Sun Health Properties, Inc.

Ronnie Lopez, President, Phoenix International Consultants

The Honorable Georgia Lord, Councilwoman, City of Goodyear

Jim McDowell, President and CEO, AAA Arizona

Jeff McElfresh, Vice President and General Manager, AT&T Mobility

Rob Melnick, Ph.D., Associate Vice President for Economic Affairs, Arizona State University
and Director, Morrison Institute For Public Policy*

Brian Mueller, President, The Apollo Group*

Timothy Pickering, Town Manager, Town of Fountain Hills

Katie Pushor, President and CEO, Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce

The Honorable Marie Lopez Rogers, Mayor, City of Avondale

Jack Sellers, Business Development, AmeriCopy*

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Steve M. Shope, Ph.D., President and Acting COO, Cognitive Engineering Research Institute

Don Smith, President and CEO, SCF Arizona

Clyde Thomas, Senior Vice President and CIO, eFunds Corporation

Victor Trastek, M.D., Chairman, Board of Governors, Mayo Clinic

Gena Trimble, Manager, Communications and Community Relations, Salt River Project*

Gerrit van Huisstede, Regional President, Wells Fargo*

Sheri Wakefield-Saenz, Deputy Community Development Manager, City of Tempe

Richard B. West, III, President, Carefree Partners*

The Honorable Max Wilson, County Supervisor, District 4, Maricopa County Board of
Supervisors

Dan Withers, President, D.L. Withers Construction

GENERAL COUNSEL

Bryant Barber, Attorney at Law, Lewis and Roca

** Denotes GPEC FY 2008 Executive Committee Board Members*

About GPEC

A true public/private partnership, GPEC works with its 18 member communities, Maricopa County and more than 140 private investors to promote Greater Phoenix to companies seeking a location where they can compete and thrive in today's global economy.

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