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**BestCompaniesAZ Honors the Best Places to Work in Metro Phoenix, Arizona**

St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, QuikTrip Corporation, McCarthy Building Companies Inc., Homeowners Financial Group and Double AA Builders, Ltd. rank #1 in their category.

**Phoenix, Arizona, December 10, 2009** - BestCompaniesAZ LLC and The Phoenix Business Journal hosted the seventh annual Best Places to Work in the Valley program Thursday, December 10, 2009, honoring the best companies in Metro Phoenix based on employee satisfaction survey results.

For the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center topped the extra-large company category coming in at No. 1; QuikTrip Corporation was the No. 1 large company; McCarthy Building Companies Inc. took the top spot for midsize companies; Homeowners Financial Group grabbed the highest spot on the list of small companies; and Double AA Builders, Ltd. was the No. 1 micro company.

Rankings were based on employee opinion surveys analyzed by Quantum Market Research of Omaha, Nebraska, the exclusive research partner for "Best Places to Work" competitions in 40 U.S. cities.

Launched in 2003, the "Best Places to Work" program ranks Valley companies on various elements of employee life, including workplace environment, leadership direction, trust in senior leaders, culture, and management effectiveness among other criteria. "Despite these interesting economic times, we continue to see many award winning companies thriving because they are keeping employees engaged and focused on efficiencies and cost-saving ideas to help weather the storm and prepare for the economic upturn," said Denise Gredler, President & Founder of BestCompaniesAZ.

A special "Best Places to Work" section, including the complete list of finalists in all five categories, is featured on [www.BestCompaniesAZ.com](http://www.BestCompaniesAZ.com) and will be published in the Dec. 11 issue of the Phoenix Business Journal. For complete list of current and past winners and details on the Best Place to Work program and other Arizona award programs coming up in 2010, visit [www.BestCompaniesAZ.com](http://www.BestCompaniesAZ.com).

**About BestCompaniesAZ**

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