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**CHANDLER CHAMBER RECOGNIZES ARIZONA EMPLOYERS FOR EXEMPLARY  
WORKPLACE FLEXIBILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS PRACTICES**

*Twenty-seven winners to be awarded the prestigious Alfred P. Sloan Award in an event hosted by the Chandler Chamber of Commerce.*

**[Chandler, AZ]** – The Chandler Chamber of Commerce will recognize 27 winners of the 2009 Alfred P. Sloan Awards for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility at a breakfast event on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. at the Crowne Plaza San Marcos (One San Marcos Way.) These organizations have distinguished themselves as leading practitioners of workplace flexibility in Arizona and across the nation.

Local winners of the 2009 Alfred P. Sloan Awards for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility for the State of Arizona include:

Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education, Phoenix  
Arizona Weddings Magazine & Website, Scottsdale  
Autohaus Arizona, Inc., Phoenix  
BDO Seidman, LLP, Phoenix  
Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Chandler  
Clifton Gunderson LLP, Phoenix  
Contreras State Farm Agency Inc., Tempe  
Cosmopolitan Medical Communications, Glendale  
Custom Accounting & Tax PC, Carefree  
Deloitte LLP, Phoenix  
Henry & Horne, LLP  
Johnson Bank, Phoenix  
Keats, Connelly and Associates, Phoenix  
Intel Corporation, Chandler

Metro Architecture LLC, Phoenix  
Microchip Technology, Chandler  
Morrison & Associates, Ltd., Phoenix  
My Computer Works, Scottsdale  
Neonatology Associates, Ltd., Phoenix  
Omega Legal Systems, Inc., Phoenix  
Pima Council on Aging, Inc., Tucson  
RSM McGladrey, Inc., Phoenix  
Raytheon Missile Systems, Tucson  
Salt River Materials Group dba Phoenix Cement and Salt River, Scottsdale  
Western International University, Scottsdale Campus  
Western International University, Phoenix  
Whitnybell Perry Inc., Phoenix  
WorldatWork, Scottsdale

**Honorable Mention:**

Western International University, Chandler Campus  
The Go Daddy Group, Inc., Scottsdale

The Alfred P. Sloan Awards for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility are awarded as part of the *When Work Works* project, an ongoing initiative of Families and Work Institute, the Institute for a Competitive Workforce (ICW), an affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and the Twiga Foundation. Through *When Work Works*, these partner organizations provide research, resources, and recognition to employers nationwide, and share the results of research on creating effective and flexible workplaces that meet the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Chandler Chamber of Commerce promotes the program on a state level in Arizona and once again surpassed all other participating communities with a record number of applicants for the award.

The Sloan Awards recognize organizations that are dedicated to making work “work” for both the employer and the employees. Representing employers of all sizes and all types, winners of this prestigious award not only offer excellent workplace flexibility practices, but they also use flexibility as a strategic business tool to enhance organizational effectiveness while also benefiting employees.

“The *When Work Works* project was developed in response to decades of research which found that, simply put, work was not ‘working’ for many businesses and employees as well as it could be,” said Ellen Galinsky, President of Families and Work Institute and co-director of the national *When Work Works* initiative. “In a time of economic volatility, with increasingly complicated jobs and an aging workforce, the importance of the Sloan Awards is greater than ever as a tool to create workplace flexibility that can benefit employers and employees alike.” Each of the 2009 Sloan Award winners will also be recognized nationally and will be featured in the 2009 issue of the *Guide to Bold New Ideas for Making Work Work*, published by Families and Work Institute.

Applications for the Alfred P. Sloan Awards were open to all organizations in the State of Arizona with more than 10 employees that had been in business for at least one year. Applicants were evaluated in a rigorous two-step process, first comparing the employer's application to nationally representative data from Families and Work Institute's *National Study of Employers*, and then corroborating the employer responses through a survey of employees. Each of the 2008 Sloan Award winners will be recognized nationally, including a full-page congratulatory ad in *USA Today*, and will be featured in the next issue of the *Guide to Bold New Ideas for Making Work Work*, published by Families and Work Institute.

“Sloan Award winners have put into practice their bold ideas about how to make work work in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and they have shown how they can support the needs of their employees while also making their organizations more effective and successful,” says Ellen Galinsky, president of Families and Work Institute.

Arizona is one of 30 select communities nationwide chosen to host and participate in the *When Work Works* initiative. Other communities participating in 2009 are: Atlanta, GA; Aurora, CO; Birmingham, AL; Boise, ID; Brockton, MA; Charleston, SC; Chicago, IL; Columbus, OH; Dallas, TX; Dayton, OH; Durham, NC; Houston, TX; Kentucky (statewide); Long Beach, CA; Long Island, NY; Louisville, KY; Manchester, NH; Melbourne-Palm Bay, FL; Michigan (statewide) Milwaukee, WI; Morris County, NJ; Providence, RI; Richmond, VA; Rochester, MN; Salt Lake City, UT; Savannah, GA; Seattle, WA; Spokane, WA; Twin Cities, and St. Cloud,, MN; and Winona, MN.

The Chandler Chamber of Commerce partnered with a number of organizations to help promote *When Work Works* on a state level, including; The Arizona Governor's Office on Aging, Boomerz AZ, Best Companies AZ, The Prescott, Scottsdale and Sedona Chambers of Commerce and The Southwest *When Work Works* Coalition (Raytheon Corporation and Pima Council on Aging)

For more information about *When Work Works* or the Alfred P. Sloan Awards, please contact Shanny Peer at (212) 465-2044 X 224 or at [speer@familiesandwork.org](mailto:speer@familiesandwork.org). For more information about the Chandler Chamber of Commerce, visit [www.chandlerchamber.com](http://www.chandlerchamber.com).

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