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## **MPA ANNOUNCES COMMON GROUND AWARD EVENT AND FINALISTS**

TUCSON (Sept 9, 2011) - The Metropolitan Pima Alliance (MPA) will be hosting its 8th Annual Common Ground Awards Celebration on October 21st at the Westward Look Resort. In keeping with its mission to further the interests of the real estate and development industry through education, public policy advocacy and networking, the event celebrates positive, collaborative interaction between the public and private sectors. Three hundred guests are expected to attend the event.

At their monthly meeting on September 1st, after reviewing 50 nominations over the course of several months, the MPA Board selected award finalists and winners in six categories. The finalists all demonstrated successful, atypical collaboration that resulted in the resolution of complex issues for the overall benefit of the community.

Past award recipients include the University of Arizona Phoenix Mars Lander, the Arizona Department of Transportation I-10 Widening Project and the Regional Transportation Authority Plan.

Congratulations to the following 2011 Common Ground Award finalists:

- Economic Development:
  - Sargent Controls Facility Expansion
  - The Bridges
  - Bio5 Oro Valley Facility
- Planning Design or Construction:
  - Tucson Electric Power UniSource Headquarters
  - Centro
  - New Armory Building
  - Orange Grove Casitas
- Revitalization:
  - Roy Place Building
  - Martin Luther King Apartments at Depot Plaza
  - Broadway Village Planned Area Development Updates
  - Ghost Ranch Lodge Restoration
- Program and Events:
  - Meet Me at Maynards
  - Tucson Meet Yourself
  - Oro Valley HOA Day
- Public Policy:
  - Town of Oro Valley Conceptual Design Review Board
  - City of Tucson Parking Regulations
  - Pima County Public Works Policy on Service Level and Plan Review Expectations
- Community Building:
  - Casa de Los Ninos Planned Area Development
  - Sahuarita Livable Community

For more information on the event, please go to the MPA website: [www.mpaaz.org](http://www.mpaaz.org)