



## **Congratulations to the Veterinary Specialty Center of Tucson – Winner of the 2008 Arizona Companies to Watch Awards**

*September 9, 2008* - We are excited to announce that the Veterinary Specialty Center of Tucson has been selected as a winner of the 2008 Comerica Bank Arizona Companies to Watch awards.

ASBA (Arizona Small Business Association), in collaboration with the Edward Lowe Foundation, have joined forces to shine a spotlight on Arizona-based, second-stage companies that are generating new jobs and sustaining business growth. More than 300 Arizona based companies were nominated for the chance to be selected as a 2008 Arizona Company to Watch.

“Comerica Bank partnered with ASBA in support of Arizona’s small businesses community. It is companies like these who are the bedrock of our economy. If you are looking for examples of companies that demonstrate business excellence and inspiring levels of growth, you need to look no further than this 2008 class of Comerica Bank Arizona Companies to Watch” shared Rick Danford, First Vice President of Small Business Banking at Comerica Bank, Arizona.

Comerica Bank Arizona Companies to Watch celebrates and honors high-performing, second-stage companies from across the state for their achievements and contributions to the region’s economy. Known for their performance in the marketplace, innovative products, unique processes or philanthropic actions, these companies are the pride of Arizona, representing a wide range of industries from all corners of the state and demonstrating outstanding performance in the business climate.

Comerica Bank Arizona Companies to Watch is unlike other awards because it focuses on the entire state and not specific industries, providing an opportunity to paint a realistic picture of a true statewide economy. These award winning companies span all industries and create jobs at a disproportionate rate as compared to their larger and smaller counterparts. Since applicants are evaluated on more than growth, the award includes companies that fly below the radar – those not often recognized for the critical differences they make in their industry, their region and their state. They make an astounding impact on the state’s economy by collectively providing thousands of jobs and contributing millions of dollars of revenue. All told, the businesses that comprise Comerica Bank Arizona Companies to Watch are one of the reasons that Arizona leads the country in economic growth.

A gala ceremony to honor the 2008 recipients will be held on November 11, 2008, at the Phoenix Convention Center.