

Fifty Arizona Second-Stage Businesses Honored as 2008 Comerica Bank Arizona Companies to Watch

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PHOENIX, Sept. 8 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- ASBA (Arizona Small Business Association), in collaboration with the Edward Lowe Foundation, announces the 2008 Comerica Bank Arizona Companies to Watch awardees. With more than 80,000 second-stage growth companies around the state, ASBA traveled to cities, statewide to share the opportunity to recognize Arizona companies on the fast track. More than 300 Arizona based companies were nominated for the chance to be selected as a 2008 Arizona Company to Watch.

Research has shown that these firms show the greatest potential and results. They span all industries and are creating jobs at a disproportionate rate as compared to their larger and smaller counterparts even in a down market. "Of all resident establishments in Arizona, 12% are second stage companies, and those companies create 41.6% of the jobs in the state," according to research by the Edward Lowe Foundation. "That's 3.5% higher than the U.S. average," stated Joan Koerber-Walker, ASBA CEO.

The 2008 Comerica Bank Arizona Companies to Watch Awardees will be honored at the third annual awards ceremony November 11th at the Phoenix Convention Center from 6-9 p.m. In addition, five companies will receive the Spotlight Awards in the following areas: Company Culture, Customer Service, Change/Innovation, Community and Commerce at the event. Until then, Spotlight Awardees are top secret.

"Companies like the Comerica Bank Arizona Companies to Watch are one of the reasons that Arizona leads the country in economic growth. Through the efforts of great employees who deliver innovative products and services, these companies are growing at over four times the national average!" says Joan Koerber-Walker, CEO of the Arizona Small Business Association. "ASBA is proud to be recognizing and supporting this growing community of excellent companies," Koerber-Walker adds.

"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. The 2008 Awardees are:

Able Information Technologies, Inc., Chandler	MKS Graphics, Inc., Tempe
ActiveForever, Scottsdale	Morrison & Associates, CPAs PLLC., Chandler
AllSource Global Management, LLC, Sierra Vista	MSS Technologies, Inc., Phoenix
ATS Electric, Inc., Phoenix	My Computer Works, Scottsdale
Autohaus Arizona, Inc., Phoenix	Nutri-Health, LLC., Cottonwood
Caliente Construction, Inc., Mesa	Orca Communications Unlimited, LLC., Phoenix
CCS Presentation Systems, Scottsdale	Orchard Medical Consulting, Phoenix
CellTrust Corp., Scottsdale	Paragon Space Development Corporation, Tucson
Collins Holdings, LLC., Tempe	Pragmatic Marketing, Scottsdale
Company Nurse, LLC., Scottsdale	Precision Trials, LLC., Phoenix
CRS Temporary Housing, Phoenix	Primus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Scottsdale
Electronic Payment Providers, Inc., Phoenix	Professional Employment Solutions, Inc., Scottsdale
EventPro Strategies, Tempe	Realty DataTrust Corp., Scottsdale
FlexPrint, Inc., Tempe	Sierra Toyota, Sierra Vista
Heinfeld, Meech & Co., P.C., Tucson	Silverado Cable Company, Mesa
Hospitality Performance Network, Scottsdale	Sindel Technology Solutions, Inc., Tempe
iMemories, Scottsdale	Southwest Institute of Healing Arts, Tempe
Job Brokers Inc., Tempe	SpringBoard, Inc., Phoenix
Killer Shade, Phoenix	StaffingMedical USA Inc., Scottsdale
Kutta Consulting, Inc., Phoenix	Telesphere, Scottsdale
Kyle Jones Enterprises, Inc., Phoenix	Terralever LLC., Tempe
Lapre Scali & Company, Scottsdale	The Arizona Car Wash Company, Phoenix
Lensco, Phoenix	The Lavidge Company, Scottsdale
Logan Commercial Advisors, Scottsdale	TriSports.com, Tucson
McFadden/Gavender Advertising, Inc., Tucson	Veterinary Specialty Center of Tucson, Tucson

Companies considered for the Comerica Bank Arizona Companies to Watch list are second-stage companies defined as having 10 to 100 full-time-equivalent employees and generating \$750,000 to \$100 million in annual revenue. The companies must be privately held and headquartered in Arizona. Judges evaluated the companies for their demonstrated intent and capacity to grow based on one or more of the following:

- Employee or sales growth.
- Exceptional entrepreneurial leadership.
- Sustainable competitive advantage.
- Other notable factors that showcase the company's success.