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### **Local Companies Honored with Business Excellence Awards**

The Tempe Chamber of Commerce presented two companies with its Business Excellence Award today.

**Good Works Auto Repair** was named the Small Business of the Year.

**APS** was named the Large Business of the Year.

The companies have a proven record of success and growth, community involvement, dedication to employees, leadership, reliability and commitment to customer service.

#### **Good Works Auto Repair:**

- The auto repair shop was opened in 2004 by husband and wife team Glen and RaeAnn Hayward and co-owner Nathan Merrill.
- It is only one of two non-dealer locations in Arizona that works on hybrid vehicle battery systems.
- Its mechanics donate hundreds of hours every year repairing vehicles for single mothers at no cost.
- It recently expanded by adding an additional 4,000 square feet and four more vehicle lifts.

#### **APS:**

- Arizona Public Service is the state's largest and oldest electric company, serving 1.2 million people.
- It was founded in 1886 by Japanese immigrant Hochiro Onuki on his way to start silver mining in Tombstone.
- It has been a leader in the development of solar generation for more than 50 years.
- It is the state's largest taxpayer and has increased shareholder value by \$3.7 billion in five years.

The awards were presented on Feb. 26 at the Beacon Awards held at the Embassy Suites in Tempe.

The other finalists for the Business Excellence Awards were: here on the corner, University Animal Hospital, JE Dunn Construction and TruWest Credit Union.

Quotes, interviews and photographs are available upon request.

"The Business Excellence Awards recognize outstanding businesses in our community," said Mary Ann Miller, President/CEO of the Tempe Chamber. "Good Works Auto Repair and APS are amazing companies dedicated to their customers, their staffs and the community. We are proud they're part of the Tempe Chamber, and we celebrate their continued success."

**ABOUT THE TEMPE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** For more than a century, the Tempe Chamber of Commerce has built an environment that enhances the economic vitality of its membership and the business community as a whole. Through its commitment to and involvement with the community, it provide its members with the tools and means needed to achieve success at every level of their enterprises. For more information on the Tempe Chamber of Commerce, please contact Meghan Dorn at [meghandorn@tempechamber.org](mailto:meghandorn@tempechamber.org) or call 480.736.4285.

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