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CHAMBER ANNOUNCES 2013 ATHENA AWARD RECIPIENTS

Kathy Kolbe, Kimber Lanning, Christy Moore Earn Honors at 26th Annual Luncheon

(PHOENIX) – The Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce today announced its 2013 ATHENA Public Sector, Private Sector and Young Professional Award recipients at the 26th Annual ATHENA Awards Luncheon at the Arizona Biltmore, a Waldorf Astoria Resort. Kathy Kolbe, Founder and Chairman – Kolbe Corp (Residential Zip Code: 85251), earned the 2013 ATHENA Businesswoman of the Year Award in the Private Sector, Kimber Lanning, Executive Director – Local First Arizona (Residential Zip Code: 85016), is the 2013 ATHENA Businesswoman of the Year Award in the Public Sector, and Christy Moore, Executive Director – Valley Leadership (Residential Zip Code: 85207), took home the 2013 ATHENA Young Professional Award.

"All of today's finalists embody the spirit of ATHENA," says Todd Sanders, President and CEO of the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce. "They represent career achievement of the highest honor and they have a genuine desire to lead and to cultivate success in the next generation. These outstanding women make our community a better place in which to live, work and play. It is an honor for the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce to continue the great tradition of ATHENA and highlight these women's achievements."

The event marks the 26th year the Greater Phoenix Chamber has honored Valley businesswomen. The ATHENA Awards, named after the Greek goddess of courage and wisdom, is a program of ATHENA International, a foundation dedicated to creating leadership opportunities for women. Photos from the Award Reception and videos of the recipients will be posted to www.phoenixchamber.com later today.

Kolbe, Lanning and Moore were chosen from among eleven ATHENA finalists, who were selected from a large group of nominations received in June. The following is a list of the 2013 ATHENA finalists:

ATHENA Private Sector finalists:

Tracy Bame, President, *Freemport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Foundation*

Kathy Kolbe, Founder and Chairman, *Kolbe Corp*

Donna Paladini, Vice President Airport Customer Service & Operations Support, *US Airways*

Candace Wiest, President & CEO, *West Valley National Bank*

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ATHENA Public Sector finalists:

Laura Capello, President & CEO, *Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona*

Kimber Lanning, Executive Director, *Local First Arizona*

Sue Sisley, MD, Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine/Psychiatry, Arizona Telemedicine Program,
University of Arizona College of Medicine

Tammie Webb, Director of Operations, *OCJ Kids*

ATHENA Young Professional finalists:

Jenny Holsman Tetreault, J.D./M.A., Corporate Counsel, *Rural/Metro Corporation*

Christy Moore, Executive Director, *Valley Leadership*

Jacqueline Smith, Executive Director of University Initiatives, *Arizona State University*

(Photo Attached, Caption: 2013 ATHENAS: Public Sector recipient Kimber Lanning, Young Professional recipient Christy Moore and Private Sector recipient Kathy Kolbe)

About the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce

Established in 1888 and representing 2,600 businesses across Metropolitan Phoenix, the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce is Arizona's largest and most-established Chamber. The Chamber supports the growth and development of business by offering networking and marketing opportunities, money-saving programs and a voice in government, keeping its members informed, connected and prosperous.

About the ATHENA Awards

The ATHENA Award, an honor awarded internationally, recognizes exemplary achievement and challenges its recipients with a continued sense of responsibility, support and leadership. The ATHENA Award honors women who have consistently invested in themselves, their profession, their community, and especially other women. They have achieved the pinnacle of success within their industry, have mentored women throughout their career, and have dedicated themselves to the community through various activities and charities.

About the ATHENA Young Professional Award

ATHENA International established an award to honor emerging young leaders in our community. The ATHENA Young Professional Award officially launched at the 2007 International ATHENA Leadership Conference and Phoenix was proud to be one of the first cities to present it within their community. These are the "women to watch."

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