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**SCIENCE FOUNDATION ARIZONA NAMES TWO KEY HIRES**

*Technical Leaders Tapped for Director of Research and Education, Scientific Program Officer Posts*

PHOENIX, Ariz. (November 28, 2006)--Science Foundation Arizona (SFAz) ([www.sfaz.org](http://www.sfaz.org)) today announced the appointments of two nationally respected scientists. Leonard W. Fine Ph.D. joins SFaz as Director of Research and Education, effective January 1, 2007. Gary Greenburg Ph.D. will serve as Scientific Program Officer for SFAz, effective October 31, 2006.

"We are extremely pleased both of these accomplished individuals have agreed to help Science Foundation Arizona to achieve its goal of fostering a research-friendly state that can compete globally," said Dr. William Harris, President and CEO of SFAz. "Both Greenberg and Fine are very well-regarded in academic and industrial circles in their respective fields. They will nicely round out our team – allowing SFAz to encourage strategic partnerships between the research, education and business communities in Arizona."

In his role as Director of Research and Education for SFAz, Dr. Fine will develop and lead new programs focused on creating competitive advantages for researchers in Arizona. A polymer chemist with a background in engineering and materials science, Fine joins SFaz from Columbia University where he most recently served as Professor of Chemistry and Director of Undergraduate Studies. Fine received a B.S. in Chemistry from Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio and earned his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry at the University of Maryland, College Park. He worked as a research scientist in industry for a decade before joining the Columbia faculty. Fine's research interests include engineering plastics and materials that remain useful in extreme environments, much like Arizona. In 1997, Fine was awarded Columbia University Presidential Great Teacher Award. In addition to his many publications, he is the author of a chemistry textbook that is widely used by engineering and science faculties.

As Scientific Program Officer, Dr. Greenburg will focus on the biosciences and help to create a culture of competitiveness in Arizona. Greenburg earned his Ph.D. in Cell and Developmental Biology from Harvard University and received his B.A. in Biological Sciences from University of California, San Diego. His Post-doctoral Fellowship was conducted at Rockefeller University. Greenburg has worked with a number of bioscience startups, most recently serving as the Vice President of Research and Development for Reconstructive Technologies, a Palo Alto, Calif.-based biotechnology company. While there, Greenburg was instrumental in the invention of a clinical electromechanical device that replaces damaged human skin and enhanced gene therapy technologies.

**About Science Foundation Arizona**

Science Foundation Arizona (SFAz) is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization initiated in 2006 by the Greater Phoenix Leadership, Inc., Southern Arizona Leadership Council and the Flagstaff 40. Its goal is to build and strengthen scientific, engineering, and medical research programs and infrastructure in areas of greatest strategic value to Arizona's competitiveness in the global economy. SFAz will invest in the entire education pipeline, partnerships between non-profit research institutions and industry and other science and math programs to help Arizona create a knowledge driven economy.

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