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Science Foundation Arizona Awarded Outstanding Small Company of the Year
Recognized from IEEE with contributions to engineering and engineering professionalism

PHOENIX (Dec. 19, 2014) – Science Foundation Arizona (SFAz) is honored to be awarded with Region 6 Directors Special Award for Outstanding Small Company of the Year by IEEE, an organization dedicated to fostering technological innovation and excellence for the benefit of humanity.

“We are honored that our hard work and dedication to enhancing education in Arizona is recognized,” said William Harris, president and CEO of SFAz. “The SFAz team will continue to support STEM education and work to fill the skills gap in the coming years.”

The IEEE Region 6 Review Committee, selectors of the award, analyzed products, services and the reach of organizations in the Western U.S. The committee recognized SFAz’s contributions, energy and commitment to improving the lives of individuals by the support of STEM initiatives, services and employees.

“Each day, in some measurable way, the impact of the Science Foundation Arizona ‘moves the needle,’” said Michael Andrews, director of IEEE Region 6.

SFAz has implemented many initiatives and campaigns to help education in Arizona. Through the Rural and Remote Initiative, SFAz has committed to providing teachers the tools they need to improve academic achievement and develop the skills to implement Arizona’s College and Career Ready Standards and Next Generation Science Standards.

In addition, the organization recently launched Arizona STEM Network, led by Science Foundation Arizona with major funding from Freeport McMoRan Copper and Gold Foundation and Helios Education Foundation. This 21st century collaboration platform was designed to enable businesses, educators, government and philanthropy across the state to help Arizona graduate more students prepared for the global economy.

About Science Foundation Arizona
Science Foundation Arizona (SFAz) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization initiated in 2006 by the Greater Phoenix Leadership Inc., Southern Arizona Leadership Council and the Flagstaff Forty in conjunction with the executive and legislative branches of state government. SFAz serves as a catalyst for high-wage, knowledge-based jobs and economic diversity through administration and strict oversight of research, development and education grants to public education and other non-profit research performing institutions. For more information, visit www.sfaz.org and like us on Facebook.