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Plaza Companies Receives Prestigious AMO[®] Accreditation

One of Only 35 Companies in Arizona to Receive Coveted Real Estate Management Recognition

PEORIA, Arizona (March 5, 2013) — Plaza Companies recently received accreditation as an Accredited Management Organization (or AMO[®]) from the Institute for Real Estate Management (IREM[®]) for its property management services.

The AMO recognition is the only accreditation given to real estate management firms, and was awarded as a recognition of excellence in Plaza's approach to providing property management to its clients.



Dyanna Bentley

Dyanna Bentley, CPM[®], Plaza's Senior Vice President of Property and Facilities Management, spearheaded the accreditation process for Plaza Companies. Bentley oversees the management of Plaza's portfolio of medical office, commercial, retail and research/biotechnology properties.

The AMO[®] accreditation is given to real estate management firms that demonstrate to clients that they don't just meet industry standards, they proactively work to set them. This coveted accreditation puts Plaza Companies amongst an elite group of 35 Arizona companies — out of more than 1,000 property management companies in the state. There are approximately 500 companies worldwide with such a distinction.

In order to earn the AMO[®] accreditation from the Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM[®]), a real estate management firm must:

- Demonstrate financial stability and integrity.
- Designate a Certified Property Manager (CPM[®]) to direct and supervise all real estate management activities. The CPM[®] designation is renowned industry-wide as the most prestigious real estate management credential, and only awarded to those who meet IREM's[®] strict criteria in professional education, experience and ethics.
- Adhere to the "Minimum Standards and Code of Ethics" for the AMO[®] — which is strictly enforced by IREM[®] — or risk losing accreditation. The code regulates the AMO[®] firm's relationship with clients and requires AMO[®] firms to use the utmost care in promotional and operational procedures. AMO[®] firms abide by the highest ethical standards and are committed to safeguarding their client's investments.

Sharon Harper, President & CEO of Plaza Companies, said the AMO[®] designation is a symbol of Plaza's commitment to quality service to the building owners and tenants it serves.

"We are very proud of this designation and grateful to Dyanna for her diligent work in meeting and exceeding the AMO[®] standards," she said. "At Plaza Companies, we do everything in our power to ensure we are providing the best property management possible for the benefit of

both the property owners we work with and the tenants who entrust their businesses to us. This designation shows we have been successful in meeting the industry's most stringent standards, and it is gratifying to all of us to enjoy this recognition.”

Plaza Companies, with office locations in Peoria, Scottsdale and Tucson, Arizona, is an award-winning company in the development, leasing and management of medical and office properties, technology and bioscience facilities, and senior housing communities. For more information about Plaza Companies, visit www.theplazaco.com.