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ASU Foundation Selects Plaza Companies To Provide Property Management, Leasing Services for Fulton Center

Building is Headquarters for Foundation and Office Space for Top ASU Officials

TEMPE, Arizona (October 24, 2011) — The Arizona State University Foundation for a New American University has selected Plaza Companies to provide property management and leasing services for the ASU Fulton Center, which serves as the headquarters for the foundation and the offices for ASU's leadership.

The 146,000 square foot building at 300 East University Drive in Tempe is one of the landmarks of the ASU campus. The six-story building is LEED Certified and was completed in 2005. The agreement between ASU and Plaza also includes the College Avenue Marketplace at 777 South College Avenue, a two-story retail/office building.

Plaza will provide property management services for the two buildings, as well as handling all leasing activity. The Fulton Center becomes one of the largest buildings in Plaza's property management portfolio.

Plaza has hired Bonnie Campbell to serve as property manager for the two properties. Campbell had worked with the two properties under the foundation's previous property management provider and has more than 20 years of experience in property management.

Plaza has also hired Don Thaggard as building engineer for the properties. Thaggard has extensive expertise in building engineering and maintenance. Both Campbell and Thaggard will be working under the supervision and leadership of Scott Rubin, senior property manager at Plaza Companies.

Sharon Harper, president and CEO of Plaza Companies, said that the new contract with the ASU Foundation is a great accomplishment for the Plaza team.

"We are very pleased to be able to expand our already strong relationship with Arizona State University and the ASU Foundation," Harper said. "The Fulton Center has quickly become one of the most iconic properties in the entire Valley of the Sun, and it is truly a state-of-the-art facility in every way. The Plaza team is looking forward to providing these key services in support of the important missions of the university and the foundation."

Plaza Companies has been working for the past several years with the ASU Foundation at SkySong, the ASU Scottsdale Innovation Center. Plaza Companies is the developer of the project in partnership with the ASU Foundation and USAA Real Estate Company. Plaza provides property management services for the two buildings at SkySong, including the ASU SkySong facility itself within SkySong I.

Plaza Companies, based in Peoria, Ariz., is an award-winning leader in the development and management of medical office properties, technology and bioscience facilities, and senior housing communities. Founded in 1982, Plaza Companies is a full-service firm with a portfolio of more than 5.5 million square feet valued at more than \$1 billion. For more information about Plaza Companies, visit www.theplazaco.com.

As one of Arizona's oldest and most trusted nonprofit organizations, the ASU Foundation for A New American University builds the support necessary to mobilize the ASU community as an engine for positive change that, through philanthropic investment, will measurably affect society's pressing issues through the university's vast constellation of intellectual capital, research infrastructure, students, alumni and friends. The foundation raises, invests and manages private funds to benefit Arizona State University and serves as the university's entrepreneurial arm in technology commercialization, real estate investment and other emerging initiatives. The foundation was incorporated in 1955 and currently manages assets exceeding \$781 million. Learn more about the foundation at www.asufoundation.org.