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## **Golden Eagle Distributors, Inc. named Arizona's Greenest Workplace by Mrs. Green's World**

Tucson, AZ (October 26, 2010) – This fall, Mrs. Green's World, a website offering tools for "going green" hosted the Arizona Greenest Workplace Challenge. Mrs. Green's World sponsors contests to make it fun to learn how to make sustainable choices at home and at work, and to bring attention to those who are making a commitment to sustainability.

Twenty-eight different Arizona companies entered the contest explaining their efforts to make their workplace more environmentally friendly. Visitors to [www.mrsgreensworld.com](http://www.mrsgreensworld.com) then voted for the workplace that was the greenest. Thousands of votes were cast and Golden Eagle Distributors, Inc. finished in first place with over 35% of the votes. One online voter mentioned, "Golden Eagle has always been a responsible and leading community business and they are leading the way to help make our community green."

"Taking care of our environment and making sound business decisions that include environmental awareness has always been part of our business plan at Golden Eagle Distributors, Inc.," said Kimberly Clements, President, Golden Eagle Distributors, Inc.

To celebrate Arizona's Greenest Workplace, Gina Murphy-Darling, website founder and radio personality who is known as "Mrs. Green" will host a luncheon at Golden Eagle Distributors, Inc. on Thursday, November 4. The luncheon will be catered by Sunflower Farmers Market. Golden Eagle will also receive gift certificates from Bookman's Entertainment Exchange.

### **Golden Eagle's winning submission and additional information:**

Golden Eagle Distributors, Inc. is committed to working green in our facilities, on the road, and at our events. Through our Green Team and several company led initiatives, GED green programs are making an impact.

GED recycles aluminum, glass, cardboard, plastic, and paper. So far this year, Golden Eagle has recycled over 4 tons of aluminum, over 62 tons of glass and over 420 cubic yards of cardboard, plastic and paper. Recycling bins for paper and plastic are located throughout our facility.

Our "Green Team" encourages employees to recycle their empty beverage containers, reuse paper, and conserve energy by turning off lights in areas not in use. This team of employees helps keep Green initiatives at the forefront of our minds by rewarding employees who are "caught" recycling, and educating employees on green topics. GED employees helped clean up Kennedy Park in May and Sears Park in October.

In addition, our facilities are receiving upgrades to be more energy efficient. We have installed new lights in our warehouse that will save 656,000 kilowatts per year, the equivalent of planting 121 trees per year. Our HVAC controls were changed earlier this year which resulted in our electric usage dropping 8.7% and our natural gas usage dropping 60%.

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Our office is conveniently located on a bus route with a stop immediately in front of our building. We have employees who carpool regularly and we are part of the RideShare program. We actively communicate alternative modes of transportation and encourage carpooling.

GED is a member of the Tucson Regional Clean Cities Coalition. The Clean Cities Coalition promotes the use of clean fuels and clean-fuel vehicles in partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities Program.

At special events throughout Tucson, Golden Eagle provides at no cost, reusable recycling bins so that events can promote recycling of beverage containers. We have started purchasing compostable beverage cups made from corn to be used at special events.

To promote clean waterways, each summer we provide recycling bags to area lakes including Lake Patagonia to encourage boaters to remove their trash and not litter.

Through the use of UPS Logistics software, we have rerouted our delivery vehicles to maximize routing efficiency.

Looking forward, we are researching alternative fuel methods for our delivery fleet. We are working on a pilot program with Ryder on a liquid gas solution with the help of the Clean Cities Coalition and Clean Energy, America's leader in clean transportation.

What makes this workplace green? Being green is part of the way of life at Golden Eagle. We are always seeking out new ways to be more energy efficient, use less and reuse whenever possible.

#### **About Mrs. Green's World**

The mission of Mrs. Green is to make going green fun and doable. Listen to Mrs. Green on NEWSTALK 790 KNST every Saturday at noon, and at 7:45 a.m. Tuesdays on 92.9 The Mountain with Jennie and Chris. Smart Living with Mrs. Green is featured on KOLD News 13 on Tuesdays. Mrs. Green also can be found on Facebook and Twitter. Visit [www.mrsgreensworld.com](http://www.mrsgreensworld.com)

#### **About Golden Eagle Distributors, Inc.**

Golden Eagle Distributors, Inc. has been the exclusive distributor of Anheuser-Busch products, as well as other craft beers and imports across most of Arizona since its creation in 1974. The third-generation company is owned by the Clements Family and is headquartered in Tucson with offices in Buckeye, Casa Grande, Flagstaff, Globe and Show Low, Arizona.

For more information about Golden Eagle Distributors, Inc. please visit [www.gedaz.com](http://www.gedaz.com) and Facebook, under Golden Eagle Distributors, Inc.

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