



Maricopa Association of Governments

# 2014 Desert Peaks Awards

## CALL FOR ENTRIES

Entry Deadline: Friday, March 14, 2014

# DESERT PEAKS AWARDS NOMINATIONS

## WORKING TOGETHER

The Desert Peaks Awards were initiated by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) to recognize individuals and partnerships that have demonstrated a commitment to regionalism through their cooperative efforts. By working together, local governments can solve common problems, proactively address concerns that affect all communities, and produce impressive results that strengthen both individual communities and the region. These joint efforts often lead to a better use of resources and service delivery to citizens. By participating in this nomination process, you are helping us honor those people, projects and partnerships that make our region a great place to live, work, play and raise a family.



## AWARD CATEGORIES

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### **Public Partnership**

Awarded to the group or project that has demonstrated a commitment to regionalism through public sector or public/nonprofit partnership. Nominations must include at least one MAG member agency.

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### **Public-Private Partnership**

Awarded to the group or project that has demonstrated a commitment to regionalism through a public-private partnership. Nominations must include at least one MAG member agency.

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### **Professional Service**

The Professional Service Award is presented to the individual staff member from any organization who has significantly contributed to regionalism through sustained or outstanding professional efforts, such as involvement with a MAG committee or program.

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### **Regional Partnership**

Awarded to two or more member agencies that have demonstrated a commitment to regionalism through cooperative efforts. Partnerships must be among MAG member agencies.

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### **Outstanding Economic Development Champion**

This award is presented to a business, economic development agency, or individual within the MAG region that has demonstrated a commitment to creating an environment conducive to promoting regional economic development, in collaboration with the public sector.

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### **Regional Excellence**

This award is for the single individual who has demonstrated a commitment to regionalism. Individual nominations may be made of any elected or appointed public official or any private sector individual who has demonstrated significant leadership in regional issues.

# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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**Determine the award category that most appropriately matches the project, person, partnership or business that you are nominating.**

*Please note that projects must be completed to be considered. Entries that have previously received a Desert Peaks Award are not eligible. A list of former recipients is available on the MAG website at: <http://www.azmag.gov/Documents/DesertPeaksWinnersinReview1998-2012.pdf>*

Each project may be nominated under only one category. Individuals who are involved in nominated group projects may, however, also be nominated in one individual award category. With permission from the nominee, MAG reserves the right to move nominations that are submitted under an inappropriate category into the appropriate category.

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**Fill out the nomination form for the appropriate category.**

**For partnership award categories:** Please provide all information requested, including the name of the person who will represent the group or project (*Note: this is the individual who will speak on behalf of the project in the event that the nominated project or partnership is selected as the Desert Peaks recipient.*) Also include the contact information for the person making the nomination and a staff contact if appropriate. All group categories require the involvement of at least one MAG member agency. For your convenience, a list of MAG member agencies is provided on the back of this booklet. **For individual award categories:** Please provide all information requested, including the name and contact information of the nominee as well as for the person who is making the nomination, and a staff contact if appropriate. *Please note that electronic nomination forms are also available for download on the MAG website at <http://www.azmag.gov/Projects/Project.asp?CMSID=1083>.*

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**Write a short summary (not to exceed one page) describing the person, project or partnership and how the nominee meets the project and award criteria.**

The page should include the name of the nominee and category at the top. Project and award criteria may be found on each nomination form. Margins should be 1" with text size of at least a 12 point typeface. May be single or double spaced on 8½" x 11" paper only.

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**Write up to three (one-sided) pages maximum addressing the following questions:**

(Same typeface, spacing and page requirements as above.)

**For partnership award categories:**

How has the group, project or partnership worked cooperatively in the region?

How has the group, project or partnership benefited the region?

How has the group, project or partnership contributed to the concept of regionalism?

**For individual award categories:**

How has the nominee met the project criteria?

How have the nominee's efforts benefited the region?

How has the nominee contributed to the concept of regionalism?

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**Submit any supporting documentation you feel might be helpful to the judging panel.**

Supporting documentation is not a requirement for entry and is at the discretion of the entrant.

Supportive materials must be on 8½" x 11" paper and must not exceed 10 double-sided pages, or 20 single-sided pages. Documentation may include newspaper articles, brochures, fact sheets, letters of recommendation or other types of descriptive materials.

- **All entries should be bound in a manner conducive to photocopying.**
- **Questions?** Call (602) 254-6300 and ask for Desert Peaks Information. Specify if your question is in regard to nominating procedures.

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**Send nominations to:**

Maricopa Association of Governments

**Desert Peaks Awards**

302 North 1st Avenue, Suite 300, Phoenix, Arizona 85003



**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 P.M., FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2014.**

# MAG Member Agencies and Their Regional Council Representatives

## **City of Apache Junction**

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(480) 982-8002  
*Vice Mayor Robin Barker*

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## **Arizona Department of Transportation**

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## **Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee (CTOC)**

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