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#### *Arizona Contractor's Association Disburses Large SCF Arizona Dividend*

(Phoenix, AZ) For the 29<sup>th</sup> time in the history of the Arizona Contractors Association (ACA) and the SCF Arizona partnership, the ACA recently disbursed over \$735,000 in the form of a safety dividend to companies who participated in the Association Safety Dividend Program (ASDP), SCF Arizona and had low losses in the workplace.

During these 29 years the ACA/SCF dividend returned a total of \$36 million dollars to SCF Arizona policyholders. The association's emphasis on safety was one reason why ACA members who participated in the ACASDP were well-rewarded. ACA introduced last year an online Safety Trainer, [AZTrainingOnline.com](http://AZTrainingOnline.com), and members are eligible to receive discounted safety training online.

The ACASDP reviewed participating members' losses quarterly and then determined how to reduce workplace accidents with trend information on losses and hazard specific recommended online safety training through [AZTrainingOnline.com](http://AZTrainingOnline.com). As a result, almost three quarters of the participants during the 2007 policy year received a dividend and nearly half will receive Arizona Contractors Association's "Safety Vanguard Award". The "Safety Vanguard Award" is presented annually to members who had an annual premium over \$5,000 and had less than a 10% loss ratio. The ACASDP is structured that all participants can qualify for an individual dividend from SCF Arizona; however, a policyholder can also get a Safety Bonus Dividend for being a member of the Arizona Contractors Association and having low losses. "This program is a win-win for the industry, companies, and their employees," said ACA Vice President of Operations Brett Jones. "As an industry, we have the responsibility to maintain a safe work environment and by pooling together in this program our companies can help each other at doing just that," Jones affirmed.

Workers' Compensation rates are determined annually by industry sector. "We believe our members can have positive effect on those rates when they are determined," stated ACA President/CEO David Jones.

The average total dividend for ACASDP participants during the 2007 policy year was \$7,744. Of that amount ACA qualifying members received an average Safety Bonus Dividend of \$2,869 just for being a member of the Arizona Contractors Association. The Safety Bonus Dividend represented 37% of the total dividends awarded to qualifying members.

The Arizona Contractors Association (ACA) has nearly 300 members and is the largest association representing general contractors, subcontractors, material suppliers and service providers.

For more information, call the Arizona Contractors Association (602) 246-8627 or contact online at: [www.azca.com](http://www.azca.com). For more information about online safety training visit: [www.AZTrainingOnline.com](http://www.AZTrainingOnline.com).

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