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BBOD Project Selects State Bar of Arizona for Diversity Award

(Phoenix) **The Black Board of Directors Project** has selected the **State Bar of Arizona** for the Outstanding Non-Profit Diversity Award in recognition of its outstanding efforts to achieve diversity on its board, sections and committees.

Speaking of the State Bar receiving the award, J. Denise Huginnie, a former public member of the State Bar Board of Directors said, "I am excited to see the State Bar recognized for its good works. the time I served on the State Bar was one of the most rewarding and memorable experiences while living in Arizona." She now lives in the Dallas area.

Stating a similar feeling, Alexander Jamison, a current public member of the State Bar Board of Governors exclaimed, "The State Bar has made a concerted effort to have diversity throughout its system. I am particularly proud of their leadership institute which will prepare a more diverse group of lawyers to serve in many capacities with the State Bar.

I was also delighted to see the State Bar take a stand against the Ward Connerly Initiative. They don't just 'talk the talk, they walk the walk'."

Huginnie and Jamison are both alumnus of the BBOD Project.

Previous recipients of this award include Goodwill, Valley of The Sun United Way, Junior Achievement, Valley of the Sun YMCA and Arizona Theatre Company.

The award will be presented at the BBOD Project 25th Annual Black Tie Dinner on **Friday, October 17, 2008** at the **JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort and Spa**, located at 5350 E. Marriott Drive in Phoenix. The dinner is called, "*The Evening of Class and Substance.*"

The affair **starts at 6:30pm** with a reception and the dinner program begins at 7:30pm. Attire is black tie preferred.

Reservations and additional information on the dinner can be obtained by calling **602-234-1255**, emailing **bbodproject@ampersands.net** and visiting **www.bbodproject.com**.