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**Business Leader Joins ASU's Morrison Institute for Public Policy at New Downtown Phoenix Location**

Phoenix, Arizona – Morrison Institute for Public Policy announced today the appointment of Cathy McKee as fellow for community engagement.

Cathy McKee brings Morrison Institute 30 years of community engagement/investment experience – most recently as senior vice president and director of communication, customer and community services for General Dynamics C4 Systems. McKee is a recognized leader in the Phoenix business community and has long been involved with ASU.

Her appointment is a reflection of Morrison Institute's expanding role for ASU as an effective leader of community engagement, outreach and social embeddedness. Morrison Institute, Arizona's oldest "think tank," is known for its ability to address, inform dialogue on, and impact critical public policy issues facing our communities and Arizona at large.

As Fellow for Community Engagement, McKee will lead initiatives designed to enlarge the scope of Morrison Institute's community engagement and enhance its base and involvement of partners, opinion leaders and decision makers.

"Cathy McKee is a recognized and effective leader on public policy issues in Arizona and nationally. She is a bright force who, through intelligence, tenacity and persuasive interpersonal skills, has influenced many critical policy issues in our state including taxes, health care and education. This is an exciting development – she is an excellent addition to Morrison Institute," said Ed Fox, vice president, communications, environment, and safety for APS.

Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust President Judy Jolley Mohraz remarked, "Cathy McKee has developed and led efforts in Arizona and nationally that have made significant quality of life improvements for families, children and youth. She knows how to engage diverse populations and facilitate action to benefit a mutual cause. Cathy is the genuine definition of 'community leader.'"

Cathy's career has focused on corporate responsibility and citizenship. Over the years she has chaired and/or served on numerous boards of civic and private organizations. Some of Cathy's current affiliations include chair of Hospice of the Valley, and board member of Valley of the Sun United Way Public Policy Committee, the National Forest Foundation and Jobs for America's Graduates. She was appointed to Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano's "P-20" (preschool through college) Education Council. Cathy is a founding member of the Arizona Foundation for Women and an Emeritus board member of Scottsdale Healthcare.

Cathy McKee was named the 2005 Humanitarian of the Year by the National Conference for Community and Justice.

Morrison Institute Director Rob Melnick said, “We are thrilled to have Cathy join Morrison Institute in this capacity. The Institute’s new downtown Phoenix destination coupled with Cathy’s rich knowledge of business and community issues will both strengthen our capacity to conduct timely, applied public policy research and help expand our outreach.”

“It’s exciting to join Morrison Institute at this pivotal time. Working at the intersection of the Institute’s internal and external communities will be a privilege. The potential for the Institute to make an impact on the public policy of the State of Arizona has never been greater,” relayed Cathy McKee.

Morrison Institute for Public Policy is an Arizona State University resource for objective public policy research and analysis. A part of the School of Public Affairs (College of Public Programs), Morrison Institute brings university scholarship and public policy development together for the benefit of all Arizonans. For more information about Morrison Institute and access to its publications, visit [www.morrisoninstitute.org](http://www.morrisoninstitute.org).

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