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Sixteen New Members Added in Largest Expansion Ever to ADEQ's Green Business Automotive Program

PHOENIX (May 1, 2009) – Sixteen new auto shops around the state have been added to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality's Green Business Automotive Program in the largest expansion in the four-year history of the program, which recognizes and encourages environmentally friendly car repair practices.

The new members – nine in the Phoenix metropolitan area, six in Tucson and one in Sedona – bring to 46 the number of shops participating in the program. The new members are:

Phoenix and area – Tony's Auto Service Center, 5602 E. Thomas Road;
ToyoMotors Auto Care, 2818 E. Bell Road;
Action Auto Repair, 2050 W. Deer Valley Road;
Mike's Sun City Union, 10120 W. Bell Road in Sun City;
Wilhelm Automotive at five locations: 3900 E. Estrella Pkwy. in Goodyear; 8245 N. Grand Ave. in Peoria; 29233 N. Cave Creek Road in Cave Creek; 13973 Indian School Road in Litchfield Park; and 14297 N. Grand Ave. in Surprise.

Tucson – Six Brake Max locations: 991 N. Pantano Road, 2240 N. Silver Bell Road, 2756 S. Kolb Road, 6055 W. Jenna Nichol Lane, 3245 N. Swan Road, and 15330 N. Oracle Road.

Sedona – Red Rock Precision Motors, 1425 W. Highway 89A.

Governor Jan Brewer praised the rapidly expanding program, saying, “this public-private partnership is another great example of cooperation of government and the private sector in conducting automobile repair in an environmentally responsible manner by recycling, using low-hazard components and disposing of harmful chemicals properly. I commend Arizona's AAA, the Automotive Service Association of Arizona and the City of Mesa for being such great partners in greening Arizona.”

The innovative green auto shops program is a public-private partnership which was launched with the Automobile Association of America-Arizona (AAA) in 2005. The program now includes the Automotive Service Association of Arizona and City of Mesa.

Participating shops make a significant environmental impact by eliminating or reducing hazardous waste going to landfills and diverting potentially contaminated water from unprotected storm drains and waterways. The shops examine their front-office processes, parts-management programs, housekeeping, parts cleaning and degreasing, fluid recycling and energy-use policies to reduce or prevent pollution

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Automotive facilities that receive the Arizona Green Business certification can display a sign with the Green Business logo, showing customers that they are doing their part to protect the environment.

“While this has always been a popular program, the response to it has been just fantastic in recent months as more and more auto shops seek to become environmental stewards,” said ADEQ Acting Director Patrick J. Cunningham. “The actions taken by these auto repair shops should encourage even more businesses in the industry to join the Green Shops program.”

More information on Green Shops is available on ADEQ’s Web site at <http://www.azdeq.gov/function/about/greenauto.html> .