

Celebrities join as the Grand Canyon Minority Supplier Development Council hosts Golf Tournament

PHOENIX – Celebrity Professional Athletes join the Grand Canyon Minority Supplier Development Council as it hosts its 9th Annual Networking Golf Tournament October 15, 2004 at the Legacy Golf Resort. The Council, which serves the Hispanic, African American, Asian and Native American business communities, has been re-energized this year with a new administration, new growth, and new goals & initiatives. The council certifies and advocates for minority businesses in AZ & NM.

Ron Williams, President/CEO of the Council, is pleased that several celebrity professional athletes have agreed to join the council for a day of golfing, networking and fun. Celebrity Athletes will be auctioned off for an opportunity to play with and photo ops will be available for corporate sponsors & players.

Dave Smoot, Owner of American Indian Technologies, was pleased to assist with coordinating the attendance of the celebrities. Dave Smoot, former Basketball for the Virginia Squires of the old American Basketball Association, stated that, “These guys are good players and always willing to participate in community and charity activities for a good cause”. “The things that the council is doing in the minority business community are a worthy cause”. Recently **confirmed** to attend are: **Earl Edwards**-All Pro from the San Francisco 49ers; **Prentiss McCrea**-New England Patriots; **Larry Walton**-Detroit Lions; **Jocelyn Lemieux** - Played for the Phoenix Coyotes & Anaheim Ducks and is the brother of Claude Lemieux who is one of the NHL’s big stars that just retired. Jocelyn played 13 years; **Dave Smoot** - Played for the Virginia Squires of the old “ABA” American Basketball Association where Dr. “J” Julius Erving played; **Steve Holden**- Played for the Cleveland Browns & Arizona State University Sun Devils - Wide Receiver; **Rich Dodson**- Played for the Denver Broncos – Linebacker. Other celebrities tentative to join include: **Tim Kempton** of the Suns; and **Shawn Boskie** of the White Sox and Blue Jays. More information is available at 602-495-9950 or www.gcmsdc.org.