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## NEWS RELEASE

### **Benefit Commerce Group and Its Clients Receive 18 Awards from Wellness Council of Arizona**

Scottsdale, AZ, December 4, 2014 – Benefit Commerce Group, a Scottsdale-based innovative employee benefits consulting firm, and its clients received 18 awards presented today by the Wellness Council of Arizona at its 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Awards event at the Arizona Grand Resort & Spa.

The Wellness Council annually recognizes organizations and individuals statewide who have promoted worksite wellness and have achieved notable results and progress through their programs. The Wellness Council of Arizona is the leading health promotion organization in Arizona, coordinating wellness programs for over 200,000 Arizona employees.

#### **Wellness Can Bring Cost Savings & Help Avoid Cadillac Tax**

“Worksite wellness is not just a ‘good thing’ for employers to do,” said Scott Wood, Principal of Benefit Commerce Group. “It is a vital part of maintaining a productive and efficient workforce—and helping to avoid the looming Cadillac Tax.”

“With a comprehensive strategy of wellness programs, strong benefit plan design and the engagement of employees in healthcare consumerism practices, our clients have proven, year after year, that they can control healthcare costs and, at the same time, improve the health of their employees,” Wood added.

Wellness programs also help employers retain and attract quality talent. “People who want to be healthy want to be around other people who want to be healthy,” said Chris Hogan, President of Benefit Commerce Group. “It’s almost contagious. As wellness becomes viral within an organization, the true cost and efficiency benefits become evident. We’re proud to help honor many Benefit Commerce Group clients that have adopted the wellness theme and that realize how important it is to their growth and business strength.”

## **Organization & Individual Awards**

Benefit Commerce Group clients were recognized in all six categories of the awards program of the Wellness Council of Arizona for organizations and individuals:

### ***Organization: Process & Leadership in Worksite Wellness Promotion***

- Column5 Consulting, Scottsdale

### ***Organization: Process, Progress & Leadership in Worksite Wellness Promotion***

- Beatrice Keller Clinic, Peoria
- Redburn Tire Company, Phoenix

### ***Organization: Official Gold Seal of Good Health Keeping***

*(NEW category this year for organizations that have previously been recognized)*

- Able Engineering, Mesa
- Benefit Commerce Group, Scottsdale
- Daisy Mountain Fire District, Phoenix
- Estenson Logistics, Mesa
- Naumann/Hobbs Material Handling, Phoenix
- The Country Club at DC Ranch, Scottsdale

### ***Individual: Senior Leadership Recognition***

- Air Transport Components, LLC, Tempe: **Tim Szkatulski**—Controller
- Beatrice Keller Clinic, Peoria: **Dr. James Groff**—Principal
- Column5 Consulting, Scottsdale: **Olivia Caballero**—Controller
- Infinity Trading and Solutions, LLC, Chandler: **Linn Shaw**—Director of Finance
- Naumann/Hobbs Material Handling, Phoenix: **Tara Lucas**—Director of Human Resources
- Redburn Tire Company, Phoenix: **Jason Smith**—CFO

### ***Individual: Wellness Committee Member Recognition***

- A to Z Equipment Rentals & Sales, Avondale: **Stacey Kocsis**—Office Manager
- Naumann/Hobbs Material Handling, Phoenix: **Caitlin Hilbrands**—Human Resources/Benefit Administrator

### ***Individual: Personal Achievement Recognition***

- Able Engineering, Mesa: **Rafael Lopez**, Process Control Technician

This recognition follows many other national and regional awards won by Benefit Commerce Group and its clients during the past several years. Benefit Commerce Group executives

received national recognition for two years in a row from The Institute for HealthCare Consumerism. Benefit Commerce Group and nine of its clients were awarded Healthiest Employers Awards in 2014 by the *Phoenix Business Journal*.

### **ABOUT Benefit Commerce Group**

Benefit Commerce Group is an innovative and award-winning employee benefits consulting firm that is changing the health care cost paradigm, one company at a time. We provide employers with sustainable strategies to lower health care costs first-year and long-term and enhance productivity. Benefit Commerce is a “game-changer” for companies striving to control one of their highest expense items: employee benefits costs. We are not your typical benefits firm, and we are not offering typical cost-shifting techniques. Our strategies yield real savings for both employer and employee and also integrate meaningful consumer-focused employee health and wellness programs. Our technology enhancements also set us apart, as we offer methods to streamline HR functions from enrollment through ongoing employee communication and administration. Through our proven programs, Benefit Commerce Group has helped our clients receive recognition from the Phoenix Business Journal’s “Healthiest Employers” program, the Wellness Council of Arizona and The Institute for HealthCare Consumerism, a national organization. Principals of the firm include Scott Wood, Johnny Angelone and Chris Hogan. For more information on Benefit Commerce Group, visit our website [www.benefitcommerce.com](http://www.benefitcommerce.com).

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