



# NEWS RELEASE

## **Benefit Commerce Group Clients Receive 13 Awards from Wellness Council of Arizona**

Scottsdale, AZ, December 8, 2015 – Benefit Commerce Group, a Scottsdale-based innovative employee benefits consulting firm, is pleased to announce that its clients received 13 awards presented today by the Wellness Council of Arizona at its 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Awards event in Tucson.

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 employees across the state.

### **Engaging Employees in Wellness Brings Better Health & Cost Savings**

“Employers’ wellness programs go hand-in-hand with a growing commitment to consumerism in healthcare,” said Scott Wood, Principal and CEO of Benefit Commerce Group. “As employees focus on improving their health, they also place more emphasis on shopping for cost effective and quality healthcare to maintain their health, and this saves money on healthcare costs for employees.”

“We are very pleased that 10 of our clients were recognized with a total of 13 awards,” said Johnny Angelone, Principal of Benefit Commerce Group. “Three of these organizations are repeat award winners. Seven were recognized for the first time this year, including individual awards for outstanding leadership or personal achievement.”

Chris Hogan, President of Benefit Commerce Group, added, “It is exciting to see our clients’ executives and human resources staff so concentrated on the health and well-being of their employees. Senior leadership support and understanding of the importance of wellness is critical to the success of these types of programs.”

## **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***

- Bell Steel, Chandler
- Longust Distributing, Inc., Mesa
- Master Electronics, Phoenix
- Northwest Fire District, Tucson
- State Bar of Arizona, Phoenix
- Stotz Equipment, Avondale
- Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development, Phoenix

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

- Column5 Consulting, Scottsdale
- Buffalo Exchange, Tucson

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

- Beatrice Keller Clinic, Peoria

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

- Master Electronics, Phoenix: **Ken Solheim**—Human Resource Director

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

- Stotz Equipment, Avondale: **Margaret Valenzuela** —Human Resources Manager

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

- State Bar of Arizona, Phoenix: **Mike Fusselman**

## **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. The company conducts an annual Arizona Employee Benefits Benchmarking survey for mid-size employers across the state. The success of our strategies is illustrated by our ranking in the top 25 percent of the 2015 Inc. 5000 list of fastest-growing private companies in America. Principals of the firm include Scott Wood, Johnny Angelone and Chris Hogan. For more information on Benefit Commerce Group, call us at 480-515-5010 or visit our website [www.benefitcommerce.com](http://www.benefitcommerce.com).

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