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Top Arizona Businesses Named Spirit of Enterprise Award Winners
Tough Times + Tough Entrepreneurs = Innovation
"A Spotlight on
Express Digital Solutions"
Special Achievement in Entrepreneurship Award

Some Companies Thrive In Spite of Recession

Despite these rough economic times, some of the best businesses in Arizona are being honored for helping to boost our economy and our community. The W. P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University named 10 businesses as this year's Spirit of Enterprise Awards finalists. The awards recognize companies that demonstrate ethics, energy and excellence in entrepreneurship. These businesses thrive through thick and thin by starting something and sustaining it with constant innovation and customer service. **Gompers Habilitation is proud to announce** that its community partner, **Express Digital Solutions** (EDS) received the "Special Achievement in Entrepreneurship Award" at the annual **Spirit of Enterprise Awards** program at the Arizona Biltmore Resort and Spa in Phoenix. It comes as no surprise to Gompers that EDS secured a place among this elite group of businesses dedicated to serving Arizona businesses while finding a way to **add to the quality of life for Gompers' special needs clients**.

Past award winners, include such big names as Cold Stone Creamery and Sundt Construction, Inc., as well as success stories like the resurrection of the historic Grand Canyon Railway from near-bankruptcy to a flourishing business.

In May of 2008, a partnership was established between Gompers and EDS a local technology company, creating a new learning opportunity for our clients. With EDS, new technology is used in a way unique when compared to other projects at our Vocational Center. For this special project, Gompers created an actual office environment alongside other office employees doing similar work assignments. Clients with basic keyboard skills learn to input information and create digital files. Other clients learn how to operate high-speed scanners and review scanning data for errors. This partnership utilizes nearly 25% of our vocational staff dedicated (30 positions) to this collaboration. Our efforts give Valley companies a place to send their paper document scanning at affordable prices all within a HIPAA compliant facility. Gompers staff manages the project in professional manner with an emphasis on quality and customer service. It has truly been a winning combination for our clients, our companies and the Valley's business community.

We are grateful to EDS for inviting Gompers to be collaborative partner in this endeavor. With the steady growth of EDS, Gompers will be able to provide this experience to more clients. As we look forward to a long future together, the opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities will grow with agencies like EDS via set aside contract work. In 2008, EDS ranked #1 in Document Management in "Ranking Arizona Magazine."

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