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**GLENDALE'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
BEGINS 2015 WITH MAJOR MOMENTUM**
Assists With More Than 1,800 Jobs in 2014

Glendale, Ariz. — The city of Glendale's Economic Development Office starts the new year buoyed by additional job growth, new business and major projects to its list of accomplishments. From January 2014 to December 2014, Economic Development staff assisted in the location or expansion of 13 companies resulting in the creation of 1,826 jobs. The new or expanding businesses occupy more than 1.1 million square-feet of space in Glendale resulting in the city having an occupancy rate of 94.4 percent for industrial space, 92.9 percent for retail and 74.7 percent for office space with only a few main office buildings of significant size remaining citywide.

“We are pleased to facilitate the location of more than 1,800 jobs this past year as Glendale continues to grow,” said Brian Friedman, economic development director. “Our reputation for expedited services and meeting client timeframes continues to attract many high quality employers to the city.”

Some business highlights from this past year include American Furniture Warehouse, a new 600,000-square-foot furniture retailer, opening its doors in August at the intersection of Bethany Home Road and 99th Avenue, adjacent to the Loop 101 and Tanger Outlets at Westgate opening their 68,000-square-foot Phase II in November.

Progressive Leasing has absorbed 53,000-square-feet at Talavi Corporate Center in north Glendale and is planning to hire 500 people by the end of 2015. The groundbreaking was held in May for Aspera, a mixed-use development at the Loop 101 and 75th Avenue.

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An 180,000-square-foot medical office by Banner Medical Group will anchor the project, which will also include luxury apartments, assisted living, retail opportunities and Treasure House, independent living facilities for developmentally disabled adults.

"I am proud of our city's accomplishments over the past 18 months, including the significant strides taken to stabilize the city's finances, which benefits and fosters economic development," said Glendale City Manager Brenda Fischer. "We look forward to another successful year in 2015, starting with hosting one of the world's most popular sporting events, the Super Bowl, which is a statewide economic driver."

Other new businesses in Glendale for 2014 include:

- Lockheed Martin
- Harvard Drug
- Canyon State Bus
- Avanti Windows
- Oncology Center
- New West Oil
- Banner Medical Group
- Palo Verde Oncology – Glendale
- AZ School of Real Estate and Business
- St Joseph's Westgate Medical Office Building
- Progressive Leasing
- Whiting Systems
- Container Store

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