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**Associated Asset Management (AAM) LLC Named No. 3 Best Place to Work Among
Valley's Large Employers
- Company Advances from No. 9 on Mid-Sized Firms List -**

TEMPE, Ariz. (Dec. 14, 2011) – Associated Asset Management (AAM) LLC, an HOA management company that operates in Arizona and New Mexico, has been named No. 3 on the list of the Best Places to Work in the Valley in the large companies category (250 to 999 employees), advancing from No. 9 on the medium-size companies list last year, AAM officials announced today.

This is fifth consecutive year AAM has been recognized in the competition sponsored by the *Phoenix Business Journal*, which honors companies in five categories ranging from extra-large to micro, based on number of employees. Winners were chosen from surveys submitted by employees.

AAM fosters an atmosphere of excellence in the workplace by recognizing employees for innovative thinking, providing competitive benefits and presenting numerous opportunities to give back to the community through company-sponsored charitable events. During AAM's 20-month AAM Gives Back campaign celebrating its 20th year in business, company employees collected nearly \$90,000 in cash donations for local food banks – the equivalent of 630,000 meals. AAM also recognizes and rewards employees who log the most volunteer hours annually.

In this year's Best Places to Work competition, AAM was ranked No. 3 out of approximately 250 entries and 20 finalists in the large-employer category.

"This is a significant achievement," said AAM President Amanda Shaw. "We are thankful for the honor and grateful for our team of outstanding employees. They're all No. 1 in our book!"

About Associated Asset Management (AAM)

AAM's system of community support has provided more personal attention and expert care per customer dollar than any other homeowners' association management team for over 20 years. Better workload ratios and the longevity of AAM managers ensure each community will be managed by an industry leader who will treat it as their own. Homeowners can expect all AAM professionals to be able to answer the same 193 community management-related questions and to attend HOA meetings in person. A 24/7 emergency pager is just one example of AAM's daily dedication to developing lasting client relationships and delivering peace of mind. For more information, visit <http://www.AAMNM.com/> or <http://www.AAMAZ.com/>.