



## **AZSTA Board of Directors approve \$54 million in funding for new Glendale Spring Training Complex and approve the National Football League Super Bowl XLII License Agreement**

GLENDALE, Ariz. (Aug. 16, 2007) – The Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority (AZSTA) Board of Directors met Wednesday, August 15th and approved two agreements with enormous economic implications for the Valley of the Sun: 1) the Board gave final approval to an intergovernmental agreement with Glendale to provide \$54 million in funding for a new Cactus League Spring Training Complex, that will be the new training site for the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Chicago White Sox; and 2) the Board approved the National Football League License Agreement for Super Bowl XLII, which will be played on February 3, 2008.

### **AZSTA Board of Directors Approve Glendale Spring Training Complex**

AZSTA has committed to funding two-thirds of the facility, with the City of Glendale contributing a one-third share of the proposed \$80.7 million project, which will be located on City of Glendale-owned land on 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Camelback, and will cover 151 acres. Both baseball teams had representatives at the board meeting and were eager to get started.

The approved plans are consistent with the long-term Cactus League funding plan established in December 2006 by the AZSTA directors. The Spring Training Complex ground-breaking is set for October 2007, with an expected completion date of February 2009, in time for the 2009 Spring Training season.

### **AZSTA Board of Directors Approve NFL License Agreement for Super Bowl XLII**

AZSTA Board of Directors also approved the NFL License Agreement for the 2008 Super Bowl XLII, to be played February 3, 2008, at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale.

Both parties involved, the NFL and AZSTA Board of Directors, were pleased with the cooperation and early completion of the extensive agreement which governs the League's use of the University of Phoenix Stadium for Super Bowl XLII.

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AZSTA Chairman Debbie Johnson said, "I am thrilled to have this agreement in place some 170 days ahead of the big game. We can now give our full attention toward the planning and the anticipation of the Super Bowl."

The agreement includes critical details regarding the Authority's commitments to the NFL in hosting this enormous internationally-televised event. "It fulfills all of the Authority's pledges to the NFL that were made when Arizona was awarded the game in 2003," added Ted Ferris, President and CEO of the Authority.

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