



**AZSTA releases 2010 Special Audit and
Economic Impact Statement of Proposition 302**

The Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority (AZSTA) released today the findings of the 2010 Special Audit of the Authority conducted by the Auditor General's Office of Arizona.

The Board of AZSTA is pleased with the basic conclusions of the Special Audit. "It reinforces what we knew all along, that the Board and Staff of AZSTA work diligently to protect the taxpayers of Maricopa County and their investment in Proposition 302," said, Bill Peltier, Chairman of the Board. He further stated, "We hope to work with the Governor's office and our legislative leaders to try and build on our successes in order to ensure our partners in this endeavor, our Cactus League cities, the Tourism industry, and our youth and amateur sports organizations, get the critical resources they need; even in the midst of this poor economy."

The Audit finds that AZSTA complied with its procurement policies and governing statutes, and is in material compliance with best procurement practices, specifically related to major contracts. The Authority has implemented already or will implement the Auditor's related recommendations over the coming months.

"We believe that the Audit's findings will help all interested parties further understand the Authority's performance with respect to the diverse set of operations and objectives required of the Authority," Peltier added.

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