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## Paolo Soleri to receive Celebration of Innovation lifetime achievement award

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The Governor's Celebration of Innovation Awards will honor the best in technology in a partnership between the Arizona Technology Council, the Arizona Department of Commerce and Gov. Janet Napolitano.

The awards will be presented Nov. 13 at the Dodge Theater. This year's theme, "Shift to Green," will honor businesses engaging in sustainable efforts.

Paradise Valley architect, artist and philosopher Paolo Soleri will be recognized with a lifetime achievement award for his ongoing work in the sustainability field.

### Individual finalists are:

- William F. McWhortor Community Service Leader of the Year: Dr. Daniel D. Von Hoff, Translational Genomics Research Institute Clinical Research Services at Scottsdale Healthcare; Jeff Morhet, InNexus Biotechnology Inc.; and Terree Parlett Wasley, Arizona State University Technopolis.
- Ed Denison Business Leader of the Year: Steve Irons, ImageTag Inc.; Roy Vallee, Avnet Inc.; and Jeff Morhet, InNexus Biotechnology Inc.

### Company finalists are:

- Pioneering Innovations: Telesphere Networks Inc., Microsoft Corp. and Aviation Communication and Surveillance Systems.
- Green Innovator of the Year: ILinc Communications Inc., Trilogy by Shea Homes and Global Research Technologies LLC.
- Innovator of the Year Startup Company: Flypaper Studio Inc., FetchBack and Ubidyne Inc.
- Innovator of the Year Small Company: Succeed Corp., Kutta Technologies Inc. and Infusionsoft.
- Innovator of the Year Large Company: Raytheon Missile Systems and IBM Corp.
- Innovator of the Year Academia: Phoenix Mars Mission, Biodesign Institute and Center for Applied Nanobioscience.

The award program also recognizes young innovators in high school who will receive \$1,000 scholarships. Those winners are Steven Fan, Tucson High Magnet School; Shermonti Hasan, Hamilton High School in Chandler; Adrian Laurenzi, Tucson Magnet High School; and Smitha Ramakrishna, Corona del Sol High School in Tempe.

Teacher of the Year winner is Kenneth Zeigler of Eagle Point

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