

## The Planning Center Receives Valley Forward Award

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The Planning Center of Tucson, Ariz. has been awarded an Environmental Excellence Award from the Valley Forward Organization for the first fully sustainable general plan in Arizona for the City of El Mirage.

Valley Forward's Environmental Excellence Award program is Arizona's oldest and largest environmental competition recognizing contributions to the sustainability to Arizona. Now in its 30th year the awards recognize buildings and structures, livable communities, site development and landscape, art in public places, environmental technologies, environmental education/communication and environmental stewardship. For more information regarding the awards, visit http://www.valleyforward.org/events/47/.

The Planning Center partnered with the City of El Mirage to prepare a General Plan with an emphasis on a community vision for a future based on sustainable practices for planning and urban design. "This award is a significant honor for El Mirage, and the city will use the plan to shape the revitalization of the city," expressed Scott Chesney, Director of Economic Development for the City of El Mirage. "We are grateful to The Planning Center for their innovative, award-winning work and their professional support of the city." The Planning Center was the only Tucson-based company to receive an award in this year's program. The public participation efforts of the El Mirage General Plan also received the 2009 Arizona Planning Association Public Participation Award.

Established in 1975, The Planning Center is a private consulting firm that provides a variety of multidisciplinary planning services including planning, economic market analysis, geospatial services and landscape architecture. For more information, call (520) 623-6146 or visit www.azplanningcenter.com.

