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Mrs. Green's World Announces Winners of its Annual Greenest Workplace Challenge

Tucson, Ariz. – Two exemplary Arizona businesses are being recognized by Mrs. Green's World for their dedication to sustainable practices in their workplaces.

<u>Wilson Produce</u>, a grower and distributor based in Nogales, was named Arizona's Greenest Workplace by a five-judge panel of statewide sustainability professionals and advocates. This annual challenge conducted by <u>Mrs. Green's World</u> also included a popular vote category, the People's Choice Award, which was earned by <u>Business Office Suites LLC</u> in Scottsdale.

Mrs. Green's World's fifth annual Arizona's Greenest Workplace Challenge was launched on October 17 with judging and online voting concluding on October 24. Golden Eagle Distributors, Inc. in Tucson and Wist Office Products Company in Phoenix sponsored the 2014 Challenge.

About the Winners

Arizona's Greenest Workplace winner Wilson Produce is a family-owned business that grew from a family farm to a family of farms over the course of three generations. Wilson is strategically located in Nogales at the foot of the food corridor that facilitates distribution of fresh produce throughout the U.S. and Canada.

James Martin, a fourth generation Wilson family member and the company's director of sustainability, said, "To be awarded Arizona's Greenest Workplace is a win not just for Wilson Produce, but also for Nogales, Santa Cruz County as well as our partners in Mexico."

"One of the most impressive initiatives at Wilson Produce is its active involvement in helping many Southern Arizona and border communities move toward sustainability," said Gina Murphy-Darling, the founder and voice of Mrs. Green's World. "The company has provided its own resources, funding and expertise to many of its neighbors." Examples of these activities

include providing seeds and technical expertise to Manzo Elementary in Tucson to help the school develop its nationally acclaimed urban farm. The company also partnered with Borderlands Restoration in Patagonia to investigate using compost from produce waste to support arid rangeland in the region.

When asked how the founding Wilson family might view the current operations at Wilson Produce Martin replied, "I think our focus on the health and quality of the soil, plants and fruit, and the well-being of our workers would make them most proud." View Wilson Produce's winning submission on MrsGreensWorld.com.

People's Choice Award winner, <u>Business Office Suites at Kierland</u>, opened in Scottsdale in 2012 with a focus on sustainability. Along with its earth-friendly design, the suites include reverse osmosis water systems and chemical-free carpeting. "Our win is actually symbolic of what Mrs. Green's World is all about: a powerful coming-together of people who care enough to take action, to effect change." said Donna Vocaturo Cohen, who with her husband, Dr. Joel Cohen, owns and manages the Suites. "Every vote was an opportunity for someone to learn more about sustainability, one small step at a time."

Gina Murphy-Darling commended Vocaturo Cohen for reaching out to her like-minded business associates and friends to garner over 1,200 votes in less than a week. "We welcome all our Challenge voters to our community of people who care about the planet," Murphy-Darling added.

About Mrs. Green's World

Mrs. Green's World is a popular one-hour Internet radio show available 24/7 as a downloadable podcast. The show engages leaders and high-profile personalities in sustainability to educate and inspire listeners worldwide. <u>MrsGreensWorld.com</u> is also a forum for podcasts, news and blogs offering ways to make simple changes every day that are beneficial in one's own life.

Gina Murphy-Darling, the creator and voice of Mrs. Green's World Radio Network since 2008, has transitioned from a local radio personality in Tucson, Arizona to a trusted national voice and entertaining educator in the green movement among experts and mainstream Americans. The company's intention is to create a community of people who care about the planet.

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