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## **ARIZONA ASSOCIATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO HOST JANUARY NETWORKING LUNCHEON**

The Arizona Association for Economic Development (AAED) will host its Southern Arizona January luncheon, “Show Me the Money! Inside Business Lending,” on Wednesday, Jan. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Manning House, located at 450 W. Paseo Redondo in Tucson.

Featured speakers will be Robert (Bob) D. Ramirez, president and CEO of Vantage West Credit Union; Fred Dawson, executive vice president of Commerce Bank; Donna Cotlow, senior business development officer for Wells Fargo; and Karen McKay, business relationship manager for Wells Fargo.

The cost of the luncheon is \$30 for AAED members and guests and \$40 for non-members and late registrants. To register or for more information, call AAED at 602-240-AAED (2233), or visit [www.aed.com](http://www.aed.com). The registration deadline is Friday, Jan. 22 at noon. Vegetarian meals must be requested in advance.

AAED was originally founded in 1974 as the Arizona Association for Industrial Development (AAID). The organization, which was dedicated to expanding the industrial and economic base of Arizona, changed to its current name in 1991 to better reflect its broader mission.

The strategic vision of AAED is to be the leading advocate of responsible economic development for all of Arizona by leading the facilitation of public/private cooperation and fostering teamwork to address the growth and quality of life issues that face Arizona. For more information on AAED, visit [www.aaed.com](http://www.aaed.com) or call (602) 240-2233.

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