



## Phoenix Environmental Projects Receive Valley Forward Awards

The city of Phoenix won six first-place Crescordia Awards and five Awards of Merit during the recent Valley Forward Environmental Excellence Awards ceremony. The city won the most Crescordia Awards of any Valley community, underscoring the city's commitment to environmental excellence and sustainability.

Departments worked in teams on several of the award-winning projects to produce outstanding results for the community. The award-winning projects and the city departments that developed them were:

- "Habitat," the living wall and garden at the Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture; category: site development and landscape/urban plazas
- Civic Space Park, Parks and Recreation Department; category: site development and landscape/parks
- "Her Secret is Patience," Civic Space Park sculpture, Office of Arts and Culture; category: art in public places
- **"Bag Central Station: Where Plastic Bags Belong," plastic bag recycling campaign, Public Works Department; category: environmental education and communication**
- Environmentally Preferable Purchasing, a program that promotes product purchases that are better for the environment, Office of Environmental Programs; category: SRP Award for environmental stewardship
- Adaptive Reuse Program, which redevelops older or historical buildings to ensure future sustainability, Development Services Department; category: livable communities/public policy and plans

### Accepting the Award for Bag Central Station:



(l-r) Felipe Moreno, City of Phoenix; Teleann Dong, Bashas'; Kristy Nied, Bashas'; Trish Hart, AFMA Lobbyist; John Trujillo and Terry Gellenbeck, City of Phoenix.

The Bag Central Station Program which was implemented in partnership with the members of AFMA and the City of Phoenix continues to receive local as well as national recognition. Program elements include: placing plastic bag containers for plastic bags in major retail outlets, communicating the "reduce, reuse and recycle" message on all carry-out plastic bags in the city and making reusable bags available in stores.