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SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY, TEAMS PUT FAN COMFORT FIRST IN DESIGNING SPRING TRAINING BALLPARK

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY – The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC), in conjunction with the Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies, announced today that the roof structure for the new spring training ballpark will create shading for a majority of fans attending Cactus League baseball games beginning in 2011. The 11,000-seat ballpark will be centrally located on the 140-acre multipurpose spring training facility located west of the Loop 101 freeway and north of Indian Bend Road adjacent to the city of Scottsdale, Ariz.

According to solar path studies conducted by HKS Architects, virtually all fans attending spring training games in March and sitting above the cross aisle will be in the shade for the entire game while approximately 85 percent of the fans in the 7,000 fixed seats will be shaded as the game progresses. Fans wanting to be in the sun during spring training games can sit in the general admission lawn berm seating beyond the outfield fences that accommodates 4,000 people.

“As desert dwellers, our people have a continuing and profound connection with the sun. Even today, some of our homes are carefully positioned to be in harmony with the sun and its path through the seasons,” said SRPMIC President Diane Enos. “Many years ago, our people worked and lived outside, using our homes primarily for sleeping. They built outdoor shade structures that enabled them to carry out many of the day’s activities in relative comfort. It is fitting that our new major league spring training facility will have an innovative roof structure that will enhance the baseball fan experience. Our fans can choose to watch the game in full sun or shade and still enjoy great views.”

HKS Architects designed the roof structure to efficiently shade the ballpark while still maintaining view corridors to the surrounding spring training facility, natural landscaping and the unmatched views of Camelback Mountain, the McDowell Mountains, Four Peaks, Red Mountain and the Superstition Mountains.

“The key was to design the stadium roof to maximize shade, maintain views of the surrounding mountains, allow for an open feel to the ballpark while architecturally reflecting the heritage of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and baseball,” said Byron Chambers, Director of Sports Design for HKS Architects.

The ballpark and accompanying 12 practice fields throughout the facility will be used year-round by SRPMIC and the D-backs and Rockies organizations for minor league camps, youth baseball camps, possible Arizona Fall League games and other community events.

“Not only is it imperative that we make the fan experience enjoyable and comfortable when we are hosting Cactus League games, but we also need adequate shading in the ballpark for games and events that will occur in warmer months throughout the year,” said D-backs President and CEO Derrick Hall. “The collaboration between the Community, D-backs, Rockies and HKS will truly make this the finest spring training facility in Major League Baseball.”

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is a sovereign tribe located in the metropolitan Phoenix area. Established by Executive Order on June 14, 1879, the Community operates as a full-service government and oversees departments, programs, projects and facilities. Bounded by the cities of Scottsdale, Tempe, Mesa and Fountain Hills, the Community encompasses 52,600 acres, with 19,000 held as a natural preserve. With two distinct backgrounds and cultures, the Community is comprised of two Native American tribes: the Pima, “Akimel O’Odham” (River People) and the Maricopa, “Xalychidom Piipaash” (People who live toward the water). Today, more than 8,700 individuals are enrolled tribal members. The Community proudly owns and operates several successful enterprises including Casino Arizona at Salt River, Talking Stick Golf Club, Salt River Devco, Salt River Financial Services, Saddleback Communications, Salt River Landfill, Salt River Sand & Rock and Phoenix Cement Co.

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