Early in 2007, Morrison Institute for Public Policy at Arizona State University will release the first comprehensive report on Arizona’s “Sun Corridor,” one of 10 “megaregions” developing in the U.S.

Megapolitan regions — massive geo-political networks of interconnected urban and urbanizing areas — are a bold new way to understand the place that Arizona businesses, governments, and residents will inhabit over the next 40 years.

Today, 80% of Arizonans already live in the rapidly growing corridor that stretches from Prescott to the border with Mexico. By 2050, this five-county region could have as many as 10 million residents. By mid-century, the Sun Corridor is also expected to have:

- The opportunity for more than $1 trillion in housing and commercial investment
- Nearly continuous urban settlement
- “Majority minority” demographics and an older population overall

Arizona’s megapolitan future requires forward-thinking public policy choices and new ways of considering business prospects, public infrastructure requirements, and community well-being.

Authored by ASU and national experts, Morrison Institute’s megapolitan report will present analysis of housing, the economy, governance, transportation, and the environment, among other policy issues. In addition, the report will present provocative scenarios of the area’s future and their implications for current public policy thinking and decision making.

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