ASU School of Public Affairs
Dominates Statewide Award Program

(Tempe, May 10, 2005) – Of the eight winners announced earlier this month at the American Society for Public Administration’s Arizona Chapter’s 2005 Superior Service Awards, alumni, students, faculty and programs at the Arizona State University School of Public Affairs were the most prominent, securing five of the prestigious awards.

Michael Hutchinson, 1977 M.P.A. graduate and city manager of the City of Mesa, received the Management Award; Tami Ryall, 1994 M.P.A. graduate and lobbyist for the Town of Gilbert, received the individual contributor award; Dr. Laura Peck, assistant professor, received the academician award; and Margaret Stout, graduate research associate, received the student award.

The fifth award for ASU was a special Presidential Citation of Merit presented to the School of Public Affairs Advanced Public Executive Program, for “innovation in developing professional programs for the people and organizations who serve the public.”

Director of the School, Dr. Robert Denhardt noted, “These awards are a testimony to the School’s impact on the region and state through the leadership, research and high quality professional education.”

The School is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration and its master of public administration degree is nationally ranked. It also offers a bachelor of interdisciplinary studies concentration in public management and administration, an undergraduate certificate in public management and administration, and an interdisciplinary Ph.D. in public administration.

The ASU School of Public Affairs serves as a link between the University and governmental agencies, sponsoring research on problems of state and local government, public and comparative administration, and related topics. It is active in developing governmental internships and in placement of graduates. The School assists in the programming of short courses, seminars, and professional conferences in cooperation with such agencies as the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, the Arizona City/County Management Association, and the Arizona Finance Officer’s Association.
The theme of the 35th annual luncheon held in Phoenix, on May 2, 2005 was “Community All-Stars in Public Service.” It was hosted by Dr. Charles H. Kime, president of the Arizona Chapter. The guest speaker was Lisa A. Atkins, Vice President for Public Policy, Greater Phoenix Leadership, Inc.