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Hollywood Comes to Tempe with Entertainment Partners' Expansion



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PHOENIX (August 18, 2016) – Entertainment Partners (EP), the leading global end-to-end provider of payroll and production management services for all aspects of the entertainment industry based in Burbank, California, announced the opening of a new technology office in Tempe.

The Tempe office represents a turning point for the company, as it pursues a technology-driven mission to modernize back office production in television and film. Greater Phoenix's rapidly growing technology sector and large, skilled workforce were major draws for the company, as were the region's high quality of life and close proximity to major West Coast markets. Entertainment Partners worked with the city of Tempe and the Greater Phoenix Economic Council in selecting Greater Phoenix for its newest office.

"Entertainment Partners is proud to support the dynamic entertainment industry," said Mark Goldstein, president and CEO of Entertainment Partners. "We are on a mission to help modernize its back office processes and are on an aggressive track to achieve this. When we found ourselves in need of a location to house a new team, we wondered where we could find top technology talent, favorable operating costs, and an affordable lifestyle and vibrant culture. The Greater Phoenix area proved to have all of this and more, so we are very excited to bring Hollywood to Tempe."

Located at Hayden Station at 51 W. 3rd St., the Tempe office will host an Entertainment Partners technology team and be responsible for key components of the company's payroll, accounting and workflow management products.

"While they don't give Oscars for best software engineer, it seems even Hollywood knows that Tempe is the place to come for top technology talent," said Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell. "It makes sense that an innovative company like Entertainment Partners would open a technology office in Tempe. We welcome them to Tempe."

“Entertainment Partners’ forward-thinking, technology-based approach to managing back-end film and television production will enrich the region’s economy and provide new opportunities for our workforce,” said Chris Camacho, president and CEO of the Greater Phoenix Economic Council. “Mayor Mitchell and his team have done a tremendous job of showcasing the city of Tempe as a place for innovative companies to expand and grow. Entertainment Partners joins a growing list of companies who have recognized this, and we welcome them to the Greater Phoenix region.”

For more information about Entertainment Partners, please visit ep.com.

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About Entertainment Partners

Entertainment Partners (EP) is the global leader in entertainment payroll, residuals, tax incentives, finance, and other integrated production management solutions with 15 offices in the U.S., Canada, London, and Tokyo. Combining unparalleled industry expertise and resources, EP strives to make the complex simple and collaborates with its entertainment industry clients to help them produce the most cost-effective and efficient film, television, digital, and commercial projects. Its accounting systems and Movie Magic Budgeting and Scheduling programs are the industry standards and its EP Financial Solutions group is the industry’s most experienced incentives team, assisting productions all over the world. Currently on a mission to digitize the paper-heavy back office processes of entertainment production, EP is striving to reinvent how the entertainment industry works and interacts to make production simpler. Its Scenechronize has automated many manual production office functions and securitized distribution of scripts and sensitive production information, while the Smart Studio suite of products leads the way in industry innovation. In addition, casting and payroll for background actors is handled through its legendary Central Casting division, a Hollywood icon since 1925. Established 40 years ago, EP is a 100% employee-owned company.

About the City of Tempe

Located in the heart of the Greater Phoenix Metropolitan Area, Tempe, Arizona offers an innovative, urban environment, a central location and border to border light rail. Home to the nation’s largest university and named the nation’s best college town, Tempe is one of the state’s most educated communities. Arizona State University, downtown Mill Avenue and Tempe Town Lake give people opportunities to create a perfect work/play balance. <http://www.tempe.gov>

About the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC)

A true public-private partnership, GPEC is the regional economic development organization for Greater Phoenix. Working with its 23 member communities, Maricopa County and more than 170 private investors, GPEC attracts quality businesses to this dynamic region. By creating a high-performance economy through capital investments and jobs, Greater Phoenix companies enjoy a business climate where they can compete and thrive in today’s global economy. Since 1989, GPEC has worked to achieve an economically sound and sustainable region. For more information, visit www.gpec.org.