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### **ACC Announces Public/Private Partnership For Stock Market Game**

The Arizona Corporation Commission announced today that it has formed a partnership with the Arizona Council on Economic Education, PaineWebber, The Arizona Republic, SunAmerica Securities, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, The Arizona Daily Star and the Tucson Citizen to present the Arizona Stock Market game in Arizona schools.

In making the announcement, Commissioner-Chairman Jim Irving said, "Every year, the Securities Division of the ACC investigates hundreds of complaints from citizens who have been taken advantage of by fraudulent investment scams. By helping students learn about the investment process through the Stock Market Game, they will be better equipped to make educated and informed decisions as adults."

The Stock Market Game is a motivating approach to learning about the American economic system. Students in grades 4 to 12 throughout the state form teams who research companies listed on one of the major stock exchanges. They are then given a hypothetical amount of money to invest during a ten-week period, compete against each other for the best portfolio, and win prizes at the end of the game.

The Arizona Council on Economic Education, a non-profit organization that promotes economic education in public schools has been the driving force behind the Stock Market Game in Arizona curriculum. John Morton, ACEE President noted that, “ Our vision is for every Arizona high school graduate to possess the knowledge and skills to make informed choices as consumers, workers, savers, investors and citizens. Economic education pays lifetime dividends.”

Teachers who participate will attend a daylong workshop on saving and investing, and receive free curriculum materials to help students learn the basics of saving and investing. The Arizona Stock Market Game is the only program that is endorsed by the Securities Industry Association.