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Arizona School Risk Retention Trust, Inc. Inaugural Recipient of the AGRiP Excellence in Performance Award

The Arizona School Risk Retention Trust, Inc. (the Trust) will be awarded the 2013 AGRiP Award for Excellence in Performance during AGRiP's Spring Conference in Daytona Beach, Florida on March 18, 2013.

The Trust, selected from among a number of excellent nominees by a group of six independent judges, is being honored for the outstanding development, management and creative implementation of programs with identifiable contributions to controlling costs, reducing losses, and effectively managing other needs commonly faced by pools. The Trust's achievements are leveraged in practice through having implemented a number of programs with quantifiable cost savings, and for the ability for other intergovernmental pools to utilize and benefit from these programs.

"There is a strong element of creativity in how the Trust's programs are implemented and the strategic partnerships that make them possible. The ability for other pools to implement some or all of these ideas is also very appealing," said Janet DeGracia, Executive Director of the North Bay Schools Insurance Authority, and one of the judges.

"On behalf of the Trust's members, Directors, and staff, I am so pleased that our commitment to innovative risk management programs is being recognized, and truly hope others will benefit, as we have," said Clyde Dangerfield, the Trust's Board President. "The ability to innovate, share and

learn from each other is what has made pooling so successful for schools in Arizona, and I hope for others across the country, as well.”

The Arizona School Risk Retention Trust, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation that provides Arizona public school districts and community colleges with property and liability coverages and related services. The Trust was established in 1986 and has grown to service 249 districts and community colleges, making it one of the largest public entity pools in the United States. The Trust is professionally managed by Ashton Tiffany, LLC, an independent risk management firm specializing in pool management.

The Association of Governmental Risk Pools (AGRiP) is the premiere national membership organization for public entity risk and benefits pools in North America. As the recognized authority, AGRiP promotes pooling as a practical extension of local government’s obligation to be a good steward of public funds. AGRiP provides a forum for intergovernmental issues of mutual interest in the administration and operation of self-funded and group insurance purchasing programs, and other group programs associated with the funding and operation of intergovernmental risk and benefit pools.

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