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**Radisson Fort McDowell Resort & Casino Receives 2007 Platinum Choice Award
Recognized as a Top 100 Property by Smart Meetings Magazine, Scottsdale, Ariz.**

(Dec. 11, 2007) – The Radisson Fort McDowell Resort & Casino has been acknowledged as one of the top 100 properties and venues in the Western Region by Smart Meetings magazine, who honored the award-winning Scottsdale resort with a 2007 Platinum Choice Award in their December 2007 issue. Candidates are determined by ambiance, amenities, facility quality, guest services, meeting space, restaurant and dining facilities, staff attitude, technical support, and recreational activities. Of the thousands of qualified properties, only 100 are ultimately selected. "This prestigious award recognizes a standard of excellence in service and amenities among meetings facilities in the 13 western states, western Canada and Mexico," said Marin Bright, founder and publisher of Smart Meetings magazine. "Winners are selected by Smart Meetings' readers who have first-hand experience with the individual properties and venues, and we also receive valuable input from industry experts and the magazine's editors."

The Platinum Choice Award is the sixth award that the Radisson Fort McDowell Resort & Casino has received since it opened in late November 2005. During its first fiscal year of operation, the resort was honored with the highly coveted 2007 AAA Four Diamond Lodging designation, which it was awarded again for 2008. This May, the property also received a Radisson President's Award, Guest's Choice Award, and White Glove Award at Radisson Hotels & Resorts' Global Business Conference held in Paris. "We are truly honored to be chosen by Smart Meetings magazine for this impressive award," said Greg Carrish, General Manager of the resort. "To be recognized among your peers in such a manner is a tribute unto itself, and we're gratified that so many of the publication's readers felt so positively about their experiences at our property and with our staff members. We look forward to continuing to demonstrate our "Yes I Can" philosophy to future Smart Meetings readers by maintaining the exceptional quality of our facility, operations and customer service."

A monthly travel trade publication distributed to more than 31,000 top corporate and association meeting and business professionals, Smart Meetings offers industry news and columns; identifies trends in food and beverage, health and wellness and technology; and highlights destinations, hotels and resorts, and new convention and conference centers in the Western Region. "Smart Meetings is an important part of our annual media mix," added Charles "Topper" Van Every, director of strategic marketing for the Radisson Fort McDowell Resort & Casino. "Advertising in this highly regarded industry publication allows us to effectively target meeting planners and others interested in booking conventions at Arizona destination resorts. The magazine enables us to deliver our message to those most inclined to experience 'the adventurous side of Scottsdale' at our property." A listing of all award recipients can be found in the December 2007 issue of Smart Meetings magazine, as well as on their website, smartmeetings.com.

About Radisson Fort McDowell Resort & Casino Located amid the pristine desert setting on Scottsdale's eastern edge, the Radisson Fort McDowell Resort & Casino offers an exciting desert resort experience. 246 contemporary guestrooms and suites, designed with Native American traditions, feature Sleep Number ® beds and numerous superior amenities. Guests can enjoy breathtaking mountain views, championship golf, restaurants/lounges, pools/whirlpools, and 24-hour gaming and entertainment at the Fort McDowell Casino. The resort is an enterprise of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, and is managed by Tristar Hotel Management Company.

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