



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WE-KO-PA CASINO RESORT SELECTED AS FINALIST FOR 2021 RED AWARDS

AZRE Magazine's annual Real Estate and Development Awards will recognize the top commercial real estate projects completed in 2020

FORT McDOWELL, Ariz. – Jan. ____, 2021 – In recognition of its state-of-the-art construction and contemporary, elegant design, the [We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort](#) has been named a finalist for AZRE Magazine's annual Real Estate and Development (RED) Awards.

Bestowed by AZRE – a bi-monthly magazine that covers the projects, people, events and trends that drive Arizona's commercial real estate sector – the awards will recognize the state's top projects, architects, contractors, developers and brokers in 2020. Winners will be announced during a live Hopin virtual event on March 11 at 3:30 p.m., and all finalists will be featured in the March/April 2021 edition of the magazine.

The We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort opened last October and was constructed over a two-year period leveraging the talents of Thalden Boyd Emery Architects, W.E. O'Neil and Kitchell Construction.

"As Arizona's newest casino, we're honored to be nominated for this year's RED Awards," said Bernadine Burnette, president of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. "When we designed our casino, we worked carefully with our project team to make sure that it was contemporary, inviting and safe – but also included architectural details that reflect the fire, water, earth and basketry that are so important to our people. This blend of Yavapai tradition and modern design is what makes our casino so unique."

Dubbed "the Academy Awards of Arizona's commercial real estate industry," the highly anticipated RED Awards highlight the biggest, best and notable commercial real estate projects in the following categories: Education, Healthcare, Hospitality, Industrial, Industrial – Small, Mixed-Use, Multifamily, Office – Small, Medium and Large, Office Interiors, Recreation/Public, Redevelopment and Retail. The We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort will compete in the Hospitality category.

All nominations for the 2021 RED Awards were carefully reviewed by a selection committee comprised of commercial real estate professionals, business leaders and the AZRE editorial team. From those nominations, three finalists were chosen for each category, with the winners announced on March 11.

For more information on the We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort, visit www.wekopacasinoresort.com.

About We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort

Owned and operated by the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, the spectacular new 166,341-square-foot [We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort](#) boasts state-of-the-art gaming, a variety of specialty fine and casual dining restaurants, and live entertainment. The attached AAA Four Diamond hotel offers 246 luxurious guestrooms and suites; 25,000 square feet of meeting space; relaxing spa treatments at the Amethyst Spa & Boutique; and two resort-style outdoor pools.

The new casino resort's proximity to the two highly acclaimed courses at We-Ko-Pa Golf Club and numerous outdoor activities at Fort McDowell Adventures make it the ideal destination for a vacation, business function or special event.

Contact: Mary Ketterling, We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort General Manager
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
(480) 789-4700