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## **Leading Data Services Company IO Expands Corporate Office to SkySong**

*IO, World's 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest Private Data Center Company, to Lease Nearly 15,000-sq.-ft. Space*

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona (February 26, 2015) — IO, a leading data center services company, is unveiling its new corporate office space at SkySong, The ASU Scottsdale Innovation Center.

IO will move into nearly 15,000-square-foot of space with an open, collaborative environment for about 80 Arizona-based corporate employees. IO, the second-largest private data center company in the world, operates six state-of-the-art data centers in Arizona, Ohio, New Jersey, Singapore and London. IO utilizes the latest data center technology and is trusted by more than 650 global clients, including LexisNexis, CBS Interactive, Fender, AAA and Goldman Sachs.

“We’re gratified to have the opportunity to bring IO to SkySong,” said Sharon Harper, President & CEO of Plaza Companies, the master developer of the project. “IO’s inventive spirit will fit right in here as SkySong continues to expand its on-campus talent pool of innovation-minded people.”

SkySong, the ASU Scottsdale Innovation Center is home to a global business community that links technology, entrepreneurship, innovation, and education to position ASU and Greater Phoenix as global leaders of the knowledge economy. The growing project recently completed the SkySong Apartments and is nearing the completion of SkySong 3, the third office building at the property.

“Our new SkySong office will allow for greater collaboration and engagement with our corporate team members,” said Craig LeBlanc, group leader of IO.People. “Since our founding in 2007, IO has had an entrepreneurial spirit and strong focus on innovation. SkySong is a great fit for our brand and we are excited to join the Valley’s center for innovation and technology.”

“SkySong exemplifies the spirit of innovation, which aligns perfectly with the vision of IO,” said Sethuraman “Panch” Panchanathan, Senior Vice President for Knowledge Enterprise Development at Arizona State University, which is responsible for advancing research, entrepreneurship, innovation and economic development. “ASU strives to cultivate technology leaders in partnership with companies like IO, and we are delighted to welcome IO into the SkySong family.”

SkySong is a 42-acre mixed use development designed to:

- Create an ecology of collaboration and innovation among high-profile technology enterprises and related researchers;
- Advance global business objectives of on-site enterprises;
- Raise Arizona’s profile as a global center of innovation through co-location of ASU’s strategic global partners; and
- Create a unique regional economic and social asset.

Companies located at SkySong enjoy a special relationship with Arizona State University, which has more than 82,000 students studying across four metropolitan Phoenix campuses, in Lake Havasu and online. ASU is one of the largest public universities in the nation, with the majority of its students attending its campus in Tempe, Arizona, less than three miles from SkySong.

In addition to locating its own innovative research units at the center, ASU provides tenants with direct access to relevant research, educational opportunities and cultural events on its campuses. Through ASU’s on-site operations, tenant companies have a single point of contact for introductions to researchers, faculty and programs to address their specific needs.

For more information on SkySong, visit [www.skysongcenter.com](http://www.skysongcenter.com) or [www.facebook.com/skysongcenter](https://www.facebook.com/skysongcenter).

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#### **About Skysong**

Plaza Companies is the developer of the project in partnership with Arizona State University Foundation, the City of Scottsdale and Holualoa Companies. Lee and Associates provides the brokerage services and Plaza del Rio Management Corporation provides the property management and construction services. Architects at SkySong include Pei Cobb Fried and Partners, DMJM Design, Butler Design Group and Kendle Design Collaborative.

#### **About Plaza Companies**

With offices in Peoria, Scottsdale and Tucson, Plaza Companies is a full-service real estate firm specializing in the management, leasing and development of medical office and commercial office properties, technology and bioscience facilities, mixed-use properties and senior housing communities. Since 1982, Plaza Companies has established a proud track record as a competitive, connected and conscientious real estate firm with partnerships throughout the industries it serves. For more information, visit [www.theplazaco.com](http://www.theplazaco.com).

#### **About The ASU Foundation**

ASU Foundation is an independent non-profit organization that acts as the principal agent through which gifts are made to benefit the Arizona State University. The mission of the ASU Foundation is to solicit, manage and disburse the proceeds of gifts made to ASU. [www.asufoundation.org](http://www.asufoundation.org).

#### **About Holualoa Companies**

Holualoa Companies is a real estate investment firm focused on the successful acquisition, repositioning, redevelopment and disposition of real estate assets. Headquartered in Tucson, Arizona, with offices in Phoenix, Santa Monica, Hawaii and Paris, its investments span the United States and Europe and include office, retail, industrial, multi-family, hotel and mixed-use investment properties. Holualoa is an experienced investor for its own account and on behalf of a select group of private investors.

#### **About the City of Scottsdale**

Scottsdale, one of Arizona's 10 largest cities is a premier visitor location as well as a tremendous place to live and do business. It is home to 125 golf courses, 220 tennis courts, dozens of parks and hundreds of miles of bike paths and hiking trails, and a Downtown with more than 20 hotels, 90 restaurants, 320 retail shops and 80 art galleries. Scottsdale Airport and its surrounding Commerce Airpark area is headquarters to nearly 2,500 businesses with more than 48,000 jobs. The high-tech innovation center SkySong, located just a few miles from Downtown, is designed to help companies grow through a unique partnership with Arizona State University. Scottsdale was recently named one of the Top 100 Best Places to Live in the United States, and was honored as Arizona's 2013 "eCity" by Google. For more information, visit [ChooseScottsdale.com](http://ChooseScottsdale.com).

#### **About IO**

Founded in 2007, IO utilizes the latest data center technology to deliver advanced colocation and cloud services to businesses and governments around the world. IO's next-generation colocation offering gives customers the flexibility to deploy legacy and cloud applications in a secure and efficient environment. IO operates six state-of-the-art data centers in Arizona, Ohio, New Jersey, Singapore and soon London. Trusted by some of the most demanding consumers of data center services, IO unleashes the potential for the data center to deliver sustainable business value. For more information about IO, visit [io.com](http://io.com).