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**Media contact:** Gretchen Novak, 202-559-0045, [gnovak@hanoverresearch.com](mailto:gnovak@hanoverresearch.com)**ARIZONA SCHOOL DISTRICT JOINS HANOVER GRANTS**

**WASHINGTON, DC**—The Hanover Companies announced today that Agua Fria Union High School District has joined Hanover Grants to take advantage of its expertise in grant writing.

Agua Fria Union, located in Avondale, Arizona, was established in 1955 and serves local communities with its four high schools and one academy—Agua Fria, Desert Edge, Millennium, Verrado, and Cold Water.

Superintendent Dennis Runyan shared his thoughts on why the District chose to engage Hanover, stating, “As a small to medium size district we have resources to pursue state and title grants, but limited expertise seeking federal or large consortium grants.”

Hanover Managing Director Sid Phillips echoed Runyan’s concerns. “States are facing budget deficits that continue from our nation’s recession, and the ability for districts to identify external funding opportunities is plagued by their lack of staff and resources,” said Phillips.

Both parties are optimistic about the new partnership. Over this next year, “Agua Fria’s goal is to work with Hanover Grants to help identify and develop a grant which will expand the district’s limited in-house ability to provide alternative curriculum delivery practices through the use of web-based technologies and teleconferencing”, commented Runyan. Phillips added, “Hanover’s capabilities will generate the necessary funding to create, continue and expand programs that will make a difference in the schools and in the community.”

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