



## **Statement by Roy Vallee**

At the request of Governor Brewer, Don Cardon took on the challenging role of head of the Department of Commerce. Don recognized the need for dramatic change, and he was instrumental in the process and effort that led the elimination of the Department of Commerce and the creation of the ACA.

While Don made his intentions to return to the private sector known early on, it later became clear that he was the best person to launch the ACA and manage through the full transition of the Commerce Department activities. He once again answered the call of the Governor and the Board of Directors and put his personal endeavors on hold for the betterment of the state. His experience and knowledge, coupled with his entrepreneurial background and passion for Arizona, helped create the new vision for the ACA.

Don brought tremendous leadership and an unrivaled commitment to the ACA. While his guidance and knowledge will be missed, he has accomplished everything that was asked of him. I understand his desire to return to his private life and business endeavors. We should all thank him sincerely for his work and efforts to secure Arizona's economic future.