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Bob McGee: President and CEO Southwestern Business Financing Corporation

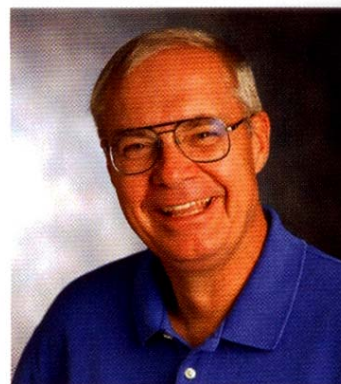


Thanks to Bob McGee, more than 7,000 jobs have been created through the funding of SBA 504 loans secured by Southwestern Business Financing Corporation (SBFC). McGee, who joined SBFC 14 years ago, is president and CEO of the corporation and has more than 35 years experience in the industry. In fact, McGee is a fourth-generation community banker. His resume also includes stints at Continental Bank of Arizona and United Bank of Arizona.

Established in Arizona more than 25 years ago, the SBFC is one of only three lenders in the state certified to offer the SBA 504 program. It has provided financing for commercial projects representing more than \$1 billion

in capital investments. In 2007, it approved 143 loans for \$89.7 million. Also in 2007, the corporation opened an office in Tucson to better serve its Southern Arizona clients.

Under McGee's leadership, the SBFC has contributed to several organizations and charities. For the past three years, it has donated \$5,000 to SCORE to be used in events and public meetings. And in 2008, McGee created a charitable program called Bucks for Bankers. Under the program, the SBFC will donate \$1 to the charity of any banker's choice for every \$1,000 approved. Since its inception, nearly \$25,000 has been donated. McGee was recognized by the Small Business Administration as the Financial Services Advocate of the Year in 2002.



Time in industry: 35+ years
Time at current company: 14 years
Years bank has been in Arizona: 27
Number of employees: 13

"I've known (McGee) for probably 20 years and find him to be a good lender (and) a very honest person ..."

— Lyle Fredrickson, senior vice president, Arizona Business Bank