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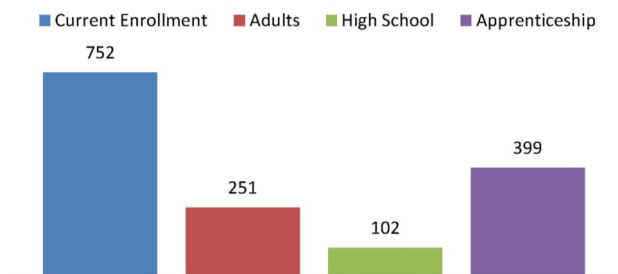
State Energy Sector Partnership Soars

The SESP project had an outstanding Soars quarter with the majority of enrollments occurring during this time. As of June 30th, 752 individuals have been enrolled! 399 of these enrollments are through the apprenticeship program, 102 are youth (West-MEC) and PWC has enrolled 139 individuals (MWC has 112 adults enrolled). It is anticipated that we will reach our budgeted enrollment goal of 991 before the end of the year! This incredible achievement was due in large part to regular orientations at PWC and MWC career centers and cohort collaborations that include APS and the Sustainable Building Advisor Program (SBAP).

Business outreach during this period included a Solar Job Fair at WVCC with 276 job seekers in attendance, orientations (City of Tempe), and an OJT contract is near completion with Spanish company, Rio Glass. As a result 60 individuals will be hired and trained to be successful employees of the company. Training areas include Grinding, Furnace, Mirror, Accessories and Maintenance.

A visit by DOL in May was extremely positive, and their on-site stop at Phoenix Electrical JATC impressed all. The event included personal interviews with 4 of the apprentices.

SESP Enrollment PY 2010-11



NEWS & MEDIA

Hundreds Show up for Mesa Job Fair By Jennifer Jones, CBS5-KPHO (07/21/11)



Excerpt: "Rather than the general job fair, we're trying to be more specific for job type and actually target the employers hiring for those types of positions," explained Dennis Cleveland with Maricopa Workforce Connections.

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Collaboratively providing workforce solutions to businesses and individuals throughout Maricopa County.

AZ Jobless Worry About Benefits Running Out By Mark Brodie, KJZZ (7/08/11)

Excerpt of interview with MWC customer Lynn Broshears: "Since 2009, Lynn Broshears has been unemployed and looking for work. Now, she's bumping up against the 79 week unemployment limit. (I am looking for front desk receptionists...and, I'd even work as a file clerk)...Broshears says she hopes to find a job before her checks stop coming...but acknowledges it doesn't look very promising. competition...there are more than 109,000 Arizonans currently collecting unemployment benefits."



She has a lot of

PARTNER ITEMS**Get Strategic with Social Networking** By Johna Berry, *The Arizona Republic* (7/21/11)

Excerpt: "People have to network outside of the walls of their own company now, always," said Jessica Pierce, executive director of Career Connectors, a volunteer group that hosts networking events for job seekers. *Local One-Stops offer resources at Career Connectors events and frequently provides topical speakers.*

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Maximus and MWC/PWC host One-Stop Recruitments

MWC and PWC in partnership MAXIMUS has been hosting on-site recruitments at local One-Stops in an effort to connect hiring employers with local job seekers.

**EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES****MWC's First Solar-Focused Job Fair**

Maricopa Workforce Connections conducted a Solar Job Fair on June 13, 2011. This event assisted employers with their workforce needs in the green/sustainable industries. More than 250 job seekers attended the West Valley event to meet with 6 employers! An employer satisfaction survey indicated excellent or above average ratings of exhibitors in 8 areas including the quality of attending job seekers. As a result of the overwhelming success of this event, Manpower, SOS Staffing and CLP Resources will host a monthly Solar Job Fair at the West Valley Career Center the third Monday of each month beginning August 15th.

Expansion of Gilbert One-Stop Career Center

MWC's Gilbert Career Center added 5,600 square feet of new classroom and meeting space. The expansion was completed just in time to meet the growing demand for recruiting.



Clarence H. Carter, Director of the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) will be a guest speaker at MWC's August Board meeting ION readers are encouraged to engage with this local workforce advisory board to hear first-hand about the challenges and opportunities being encountered at the grass-roots level.

To attend the August 25th meeting of the MWC Board in the new space at 735 N. Gilbert Rd., Ste. 134, Gilbert, AZ 85234. Please RSVP to [Dawn](#).

Seasonal Hiring Fair at Gilbert One-Stop Career Center

Maricopa Workforce Connections is assisting CoreStaff/Shutterfly in filling seasonal positions for bindery and press operators; press, photo and customer service representatives; and production design artists. One of several Hiring Fairs was conducted at the Gilbert One-Stop Career Center on July 25. Job seekers learned about CoreStaff and Shutterfly during informational sessions offered at the event.

MWC and PWC focus on increasing the wealth of individuals, businesses, and the community by identifying labor market needs to develop effective, innovative responses to meet the ever changing industry demands.

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