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**Maricopa County Board of Supervisors Appoints Private Industry Members to Maricopa Workforce Connections Workforce Investment Board**

PHOENIX, Ariz. – The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors appointed 6 new private-industry members to the Maricopa Workforce Connections Workforce Investment Board. New appointments represent the automotive, construction, hi-tech, aerospace technologies, and job training and placement industries.

MWC is an industry led board with 51% private-industry representation with the remaining 49% of representatives from economic development, community-based organizations and government. MWC Board members serve 2-year terms effective July 1, 2008.

**Newly appointed MWC board members from the private sector include:**

1. Vania Black, Vice President of Organizational Development, Televerde
2. Danny Guido, Owner and Chief Executive Officer, Tony's Service Center
3. Tony Abraham, Director of Human Resources, Modern Industries, Inc.
4. Kelsie McClendon, Human Resources Manager, Rummel Construction
5. Dean Wine, Business Manager and Financial Secretary, IBEW Local 640
6. Ben Candler, Manager, Intellichoice Financial Services

**Additional new appointments include:**

1. Kayong Holston, Director of Business Programs, Ottawa University
2. Trish Georgeff, Interim Director, Maricopa County Human Services Department, Community Services Block Grants and Title IB

**MWC term renewals include:**

1. Rodrick Miller, Vice President of International Business, Greater Phoenix Economic Council
2. Bob Neckes, Corporate Director of Human Resources, Macayos Restaurants
3. Pam Ross, Director of Business Partnerships, Honeywell
4. Greta Suda, Assistant General Manager, Jobing.com
5. Gabe Loyola, President, Loyola and Associates
6. Blair Liddicoat, Associate Dean of Adult Basic Education, Rio Salado College
7. Kathryn "Che" Collins, Career Development Director, Phoenix Job Corps
8. Belinda Hanson, District Program Manager, Arizona Department of Economic Security Employment and Training Administration
9. Steve Prokopek, Economic Development Director, City of Peoria
10. Katherine Levandowsky, Administrator, Arizona Department of Economic Security Rehabilitation Services Administration
11. Don Smith, Deputy Director, AZ Project Challenge

MWC board members have a vested interest in workforce development and understand the value of public-private partnerships. The purpose of the MWC is to be the prevailing workforce authority in Maricopa County and to hold MWC accountable to principles and performance as identified in its 2008-2010 Two-Year Local Plan.

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