

MARICOPA WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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Discussion Notes
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Present	Staff/Guests
Rodrick Miller	Patrick Burkhart
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Patrick Burkhart shared with the committee that we need to update our Two Year Plan and the timeframe for DOL is June 30th which is going to be impossible because amended language needs to be made public for a month. We need to look at policy changes from the Youth Council regarding raising the ceiling on training dollars from \$4000, \$6000 to \$6000, \$8000 per youth. We will be bringing these changes to the Executive Board at the next scheduled meeting and then they will be presented to the Full Board at the next scheduled meeting in June. The amended piece is not complicated but the process portion is complicated and we need to submit changes to the Board of Supervisors which takes 30 days. We have still not received guidance from DES but hopefully they will ask for an extension because this process is going to need the extension. The other item that will be discussed today with the Full Board is the entire process we have gone through with the stimulus planning, the interactions with both DES and DOL and the kinds of waivers that have been asked for. We have already had a visit from Region Six for a readiness review and they were impressed with what was presented to them. We also have two members of the Board stepping off today, one is Pam Roberts who will be introducing her replacement, Jeff Freeman and Adda Alexander is also stepping down. We will also have the task force groups share an update of the progress they have made, including a report on the Youth Council from Don Smith.

We have put together a Collaboration group with State representatives and we are going to go after \$750m in Stimulus for solar/green grants, we have Pima County, Community Colleges Presidents, PWC and ourselves involved. GPEC is also on board on this project along with the Sustainable Economic Development Institute from Flagstaff and we are currently trying to get the utility companies on board with this project. We are going to try to team up with the apprenticeship program through Dean Wine with the IBEW for training. The RFD and rules have not yet been announced, we are looking at possibly 30 to 90 days before we get guidelines from the Department of Labor. In the mean time we are going to do some self assessments so that we are prepared to go after \$12 to \$15m for Arizona. Bill 3410 is currently in Legislation for Solar based companies to start growing and attracting these kinds of companies that promote solar/green.

Channel 8 has approached us for an extensive partnership. We are submitting a content proposal in the next 24 hours and they will be sending us a production response. They are doing a series of 30 minute programs called "Ask the Expert" that will be taped in advance with call-in capability after the presentation. They want to do a series of workforce segments and they will come to our facility on the Westside and video tape our entire workshop series with an audience and post them on their website with the supporting materials to go along with each segment. This will give us the opportunity to reach scores of people across the state and allow us to do public service.