

About us

Maricopa Workforce Connections is Maricopa County's local workforce investment board mandated by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to provide oversight to the One-Stop career centers and affiliates. The board is advisory in nature and is responsible for the strategic direction of the overall county workforce system.

Representation currently includes industries from banking, utilities, retail, healthcare, media, bioscience, legal and aerospace.

In addition, public agencies such as the Arizona Department of Economic Security, Job Corps, Maricopa County Community College District and economic development entities are required to serve on the board; however, private industry maintains majority membership.

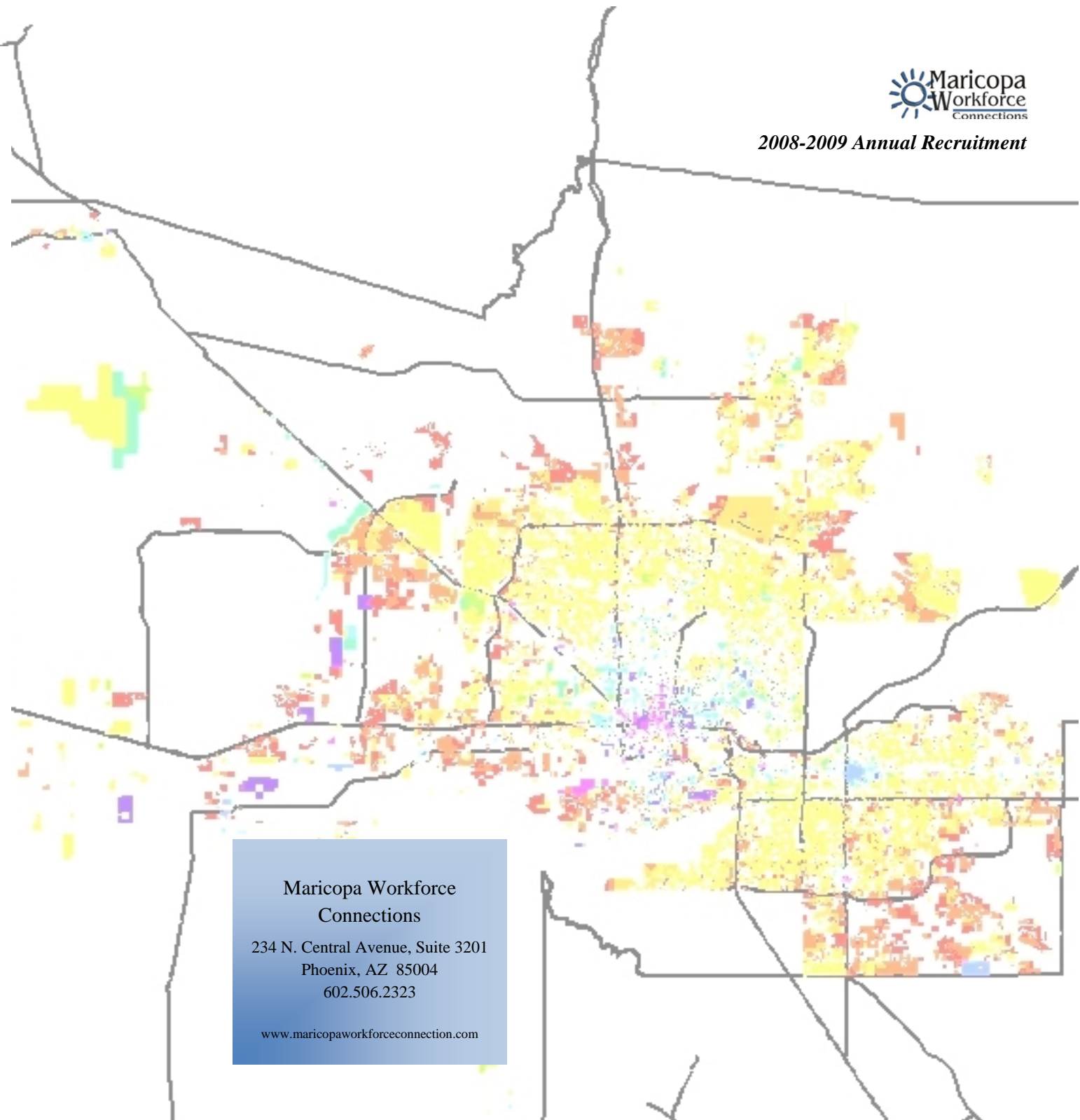
Currently, there are 34 board members.

Moving Forward—Regionally

Maricopa Workforce Connections is a regional partner with the City of Phoenix and Maricopa County Community Colleges in an effort to streamline service delivery. Last June, both Maricopa and Phoenix Workforce Connections collaborated through a 1 ½ day joint strategic planning session to change the direction of workforce initiatives using a holistic approach. Joint meetings occur regularly between their Executive Committees, Youth Councils and Full Boards in order to leverage resources, share information, network and seek alternative funding strategies to sustain existing program services and effectively address the needs of our growing population.



2008-2009 Annual Recruitment



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One-Stop Career Centers

There are two comprehensive career centers located in both the East and West Valley managed by Maricopa County's Workforce Development Division.

The Gilbert Career Center is located on the southeast corner of Gilbert and Guadalupe:

735 N. Gilbert Road, Suite 134
Gilbert, AZ 85234

The West Valley Career Center is located just east of Loop 101 off McDowell Road:

1840 N. 95th Avenue, Suite 160
Phoenix, AZ 85037

Center hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The West Valley Career Center also offers in-house career centers designed exclusively for youth and veterans.

Both centers offer business and career services to include job fairs, job placement, skills assessment, career guidance and training, resume and cover letter assistance and access to services such as unemployment insurance, special transportation, community college, etc.

Rapid Response is also available for companies anticipating a layoff. All services indicated above are portable and can be provided per company request to assist those workers impacted by a layoff.

Time Commitment

The Full Board meets every other month at different locations throughout the Valley hosted by board members through their place of business and typically lasts for no longer than two hours. The purpose of these meetings is to take action based on recommendations from the Executive Committee, Youth Council and/or any of the three Ad hoc Task Forces: Advocacy, System Effectiveness, Business Services (regional between Maricopa County and Phoenix)

The Youth Council meets monthly and the Ad hoc Task Forces are scheduled to convene on an as-needed basis determined by the initiatives the board chooses to pursue.

The Youth Council is actively recruiting for those employers who offer intern- and externships to youth between the ages of 16-21 years. The Council provides oversight to youth service providers contracted through Maricopa County on behalf of the Workforce Development Division. The Council is comprised of Full Board and non-Full Board members.

All meetings are subject to the Conflict of Interest and Arizona Open Meeting Laws.

The minimum number of volunteer hours is estimated to be between 12-24 hours annually depending on your level of participation. Term length is two years with the option for renewal and appointments are based on recommendations by the Full Board to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors.

Get Involved

If you are interested or know a colleague who may be interested, we are currently in the midst of our annual recruitment. We are looking for private sector business representation from the following areas:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Hi-Tech
- Automotive
- Construction

Please email Sherri Connell, MWC Board Executive, connells@mail.maricopa.gov or call 602.506.2323 for more information or to submit a nomination. The deadline is Friday, April 18, 2008 no later than 5:00 p.m.

Selection Process

Once your nomination has been received, it will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for consideration. They meet on a monthly basis. Committee members will review the nominations and recommend those individuals who best suit the needs of the board through industry representation, active community involvement, vested interest in workforce and economic development and a demonstrated level of commitment.

The Full Board will convene in April of which the Executive Committee will present their recommendations. The Full Board will then determine who they will recommend to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors for appointment to a two-year term with an effective start date of July 1, 2008.

You will receive notification following the Executive Committee and Full Board, if applicable, with an anticipated date of appointment. Your presence is not required in order to be appointed by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. Go to <http://www.maricopa.gov/Boards/mwc.aspx> or <http://www.maricopaworkforceconnection.com/about/chairmsg.asp> for more information.