

**ITEMS OF NOTE -- July 2009**

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**FACTS & FIGURES**

**Arizona Veterans Have Additional Employment Support** — Jobing.com has formed partnerships with Salute A Soldier, Honor Our Troops USA and Vietnam Veterans of America-Chapter 1011 to heighten awareness of the employment needs of our returning troops and to heighten awareness of job search assistance available to these brave men and women and to bridge the gap to services provided by local workforce areas.

Jobing.com worked with each of these organizations to prepare informational videos. The links are provided below.

**SaluteASoldier.org** — Educates individuals on how to support veterans with Injuries as they transition back into the Arizona Workforce. View this video online at: [http://phoenix.jobing.com/video\\_details.asp?segment=24063&i=45887](http://phoenix.jobing.com/video_details.asp?segment=24063&i=45887)

**Honor Our Troops USA** — Honoring the service of our troops and veterans by providing them with the opportunities they have earned. Honor Our Troops (HOT) formed to bring veterans together with businesses wishing to thank them for their service and provide them with discounts on goods and services. Visit [http://glendale.jobing.com/video\\_details.asp?segment=29404&i=124859](http://glendale.jobing.com/video_details.asp?segment=29404&i=124859) to view this video online.

**Vietnam Veterans of America-Chapter 1011** — Vietnam Veterans of America is the only national Vietnam veterans organization congressionally chartered and exclusively dedicated to Vietnam-era veterans and their families. VVA has 600 local chapters. The Arizona Chapter 1011, based in Mesa, will soon be the largest in Arizona. Additional information is online at [http://phoenix.jobing.com/company\\_profile.asp?j=124858&segment=29206&m=0](http://phoenix.jobing.com/company_profile.asp?j=124858&segment=29206&m=0)

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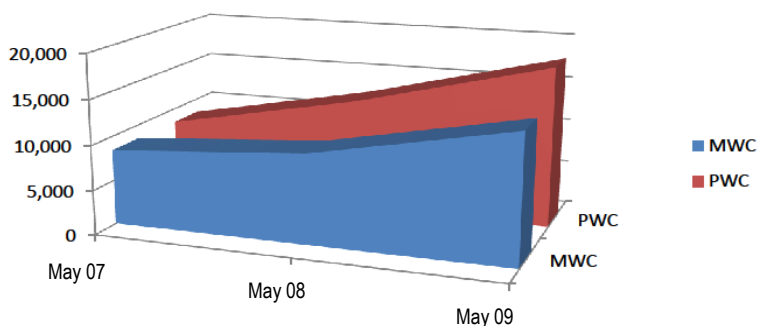
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 workforce solutions to  
 businesses and individuals  
 throughout Maricopa County.*

**Customer Visits  
 Continue to Climb**

**Increasing Number of Customer Visits to Local One-Stop Career Centers**



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**Local One-Stops Are the Place to Start a Job Search**— Local NBC affiliate reported on the 26 year high unemployment rate during its 6 p.m. newscast on July 2, 2009, noting 467,000 people lost their jobs in June. Since December 2007 more than 253,700 Arizonans have lost their job—many are “still hurting for work.” Two Gilbert One-Stop Career Center customers were interviewed about their job searches. This newscast ended noting a local east valley employer is using the Gilbert Career Center to fill nearly 300 openings for a new store opening in the east valley.



**Local One-Stops Expand Services via Access Points**— On July 1 MWC and PWC, members of the Arizona Workforce Development Network, announced their collaboration with local faith- and community-based organizations to extend the reach of the state’s employment and training services valley wide; making it possible for job seekers to gain support and resources to look for jobs closer to their homes, with assistance from individuals trained by MWC and PWC to provide assistance similar to those offered at the local Workforce Connections One-Stop Career Centers. The initial 20+ participating One-Stop Access Points will receive assistance garnering surplus computers, employment resource materials and specialized training for volunteers and staff. Participating organizations are asked to provide volunteers, space and Internet access for job seekers.


# THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

This program was highlighted on the front page of *The Arizona Republic* on July 9, 2009. The article “For job seekers, churches offering heavenly help” is available online at <http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/news/articles/2009/07/09/20090709biz-churches0709.html>

## PARTNER ITEMS

**Find a Career That Works! Community College Campaign** — The Maricopa Community Colleges now offer an easy to navigate career exploration tool via “Find a Career That Works!” <http://www.maricopa.edu/work/>. This website aims to assist career seekers in identifying certificate, two-year degree or university transfer programs in a variety of industries including bioscience, manufacturing and sustainability/green technologies. The Website directs individuals to career choice exploration, college career centers to obtain additional information and specific program information.





**Gilbert Career Center**  
 735 N. Gilbert Road, Ste. 134  
 Gilbert, AZ 85234  
 Tel: 480/497-0350  
 TTY: 480/632-1910

**West Valley Career Center**  
 1840 N. 95th Ave., Ste. 160  
 Phoenix, AZ 85037  
 Tel: 602/372-4200  
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## EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

**August 12 Brings a Twist to a Traditional Career Expo** — Jobing.com, in partnership with Maricopa Workforce Connections, will offer additional services to job seekers attending its August 12 Career Expo at the Jobing.com arena. Maricopa Workforce Connections will be offering on-site workshops covering Resume Instruction and Interview Techniques to hundreds of attendees. In addition, MWC will offer intensive resume review services; complete with a computer bank to assist job seekers in updating their resumes prior to meeting with employers in the afternoon. Preregistration for this event will



be designed to identify and provide services specific to veterans and dislocated workers; directing them to local One-Stops for job search and job readiness assistance.

### Phoenix First Workforce Access Point —

As part of the SHARE Network Access Point program, Phoenix First Workforce from Phoenix First Assembly of God hosted an open house on June 29, 2009. The open house highlighted resources available for job seekers including the Arizona Virtual One-Stop system, resume assistance, job search assistance, interview workshops and more. Phoenix First Workforce, an Access Point for Phoenix Workforce Connection, has assisted more than 100 people gain employment over the past eight weeks.





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 9801 N. Seventh St.  
 Phoenix, AZ 85020  
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**West Career Center**  
 3406 N. 51st Ave.  
 Phoenix, AZ 85031  
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*Please visit the valley’s Comprehensive WIA One-Stop Career Centers. We’d enjoy showing you what we do!*