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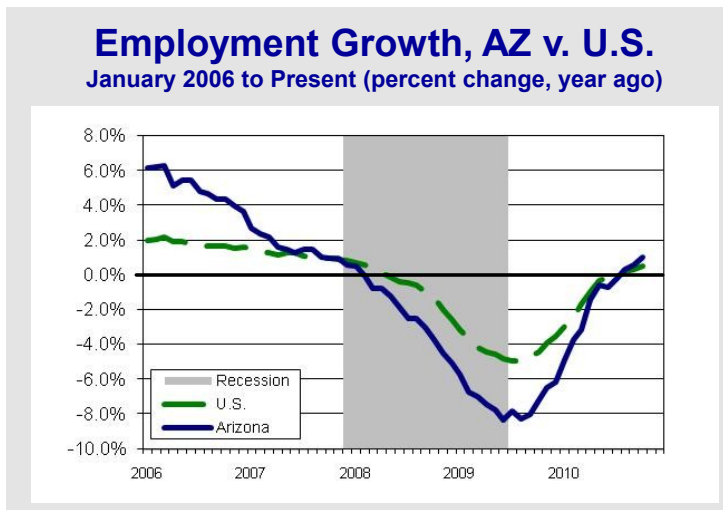
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Dear David (MWC Trainer):

In the last year, I was diagnosed and treated fully for lymphoma, I went through a divorce, my Father nearly died, and my Mother passed away. It could not have been a more difficult year. I was so unsure about ever finding employment, I didn't know where to look or how to apply. Workforce Connections, and your courses gave me the tools I needed to compete in this economy. I had sent out so many applications in the first part of this year to no avail. After your course, I re-worked my resume, I learned how to apply on-line, and I learned what to expect in the interview. I sent out only two resumes after your courses, (due in large part to family obligations), received two calls, and went on two interviews. The first one I failed because it was a group interview and I don't do well with public speaking. However, I did very well on the second interview and received a job offer that I accepted. It's part-time permanent, which I hope to turn into full-time eventually. However, I'm just thrilled. I owe a great deal of thanks to you and Workforce Connections! Thank you so much. Sincerely, Susan R.

FACTS & FIGURES

U.S. employment growth compared to Arizona — Maricopa Community Colleges Center for Workforce development provides the following visual of Arizona's employment growth compared to the remainder of the Country. During the worst months of The Great Recession, Greater Phoenix suffered some of the worst employment losses among large metropolitan areas, just behind cities such as Los Angeles, New York, Chicago and Detroit. To return to 2007 employment levels, Arizona will need to add 90,000 jobs a year for 4 years.



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

NEWS & MEDIA

White House touts jobless outreach in Maricopa County — by Jahna Berry (11/28/10) *The Arizona Republic*; Excerpt: “Phoenix and Maricopa County’s effort to help job seekers got an electronic high five from a White House blog post. In October, a Department of Labor official met with organizers from the Access Points program. An Access Point is typically a church, library or non-profit service agency where help with resumes, computer skills or referral services is provided. Phoenix and the county manage 31 such sites, according to the blog post written by Ben Seigel, the associate director of the Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships at the Department of Labor. ... “The optimism and positive energy in the room from among the more than 130 staff, volunteers, and community members was an experience to behold, he wrote.”

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Unemployment benefits run out for many Arizonans (search for article heading in video section of the link) — By Rachael Stockman, *KPNX/azcentral.com/12news* (12/2/10). This news piece features an MWC job seeker and highlights an MWC workshop Watch for updates on this issue [here](#).



Holiday shopping frenzy not boosting jobs much — By Michelle Reese, *East Valley Tribune* (12/14/10). This article was picked up by [MSNBC.com](#) Excerpt: “The holiday shopping season did not translate into a huge spike in jobs available to Arizonans this year, thought there was some improvement. ...Maricopa Workforce Connections’ One Stop in Gilbert, however, only saw about 84 job listings come through for seasonal employment in November, said center director Terry Farrell. ...What Farrell did see in November was a jump in the number of job seekers attending a workshop the center puts on called, “Where the jobs are.”

PARTNER ITEMS

Partnership to fast-track workers for green jobs — Friendly House Inc. CEO Terri Leon; APS Chairman and CEO Don Brandt; and Assistant Director of Maricopa County Workforce Development, Patrick Burkhart, announced the launch of GreenWorksAZ on 12/6/10. GreenWorksAZ initiative is a new “green” jobs training program at Friendly House, funded by the APS Foundation that will be able to assist unemployed and displaced workers transition into high-wage jobs such as, photovoltaic installers, weatherization technicians, energy auditors and manufacturing technicians for renewable energy technology. Friendly House will collaborate with MWC, PWC and other local nonprofit organizations such as Fresh Start, Goodwill of Central Arizona and phoenix Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) to promote “green jobs” training.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

MWC/PWC host job fair for Arizona veterans — A job fair was conducted, as one of the many breakout sessions, at the Dec. 11 Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program event at the Phoenix Convention Center. MWC’s Patrick Burkhart addressed attendees, highlighting One-Stop Services and benefits of WIA, during the general session.



Forty-eight employers, representing more than 400 job openings, were in attendance. Staff obtained 424 signatures of job seekers entering the job fair breakout portion of the day’s activities.

This was the first of such collaboration with the Arizona National Guard and local One-Stop teams. The event was promoted to ANG members, their families and local

veterans. In addition to bringing employers to the job fair, MWC and PWC had a booth to inform attendees of the availability of local One-Stops across the state, the Workforce Investment Act, job seeker assistance at One-Stops (by WIA staff and community partners).

Several local television stations covered the event Univision, [ABC/Channel 15](#) and NBC/Channel 12.



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