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FACTS & FIGURES

No End in Sight: The Agony of Prolonged Unemployment — A nationally representative probability sample of job seekers showed:

- **Slightly more than 1/3** sought employment in a new field or career
- **Just over half** of those gaining new employment say they had to take a pay cut from what they earned in their prior job, and about a quarter took a significant salary hit.
- **Fully 2/3** of those unemployed last August remained so in March 2010
- **48%** have been unemployed for more than a year. The entire WorkTrends report is available online at: http://www.heldrich.rutgers.edu/uploadedFiles/Publications/Work_Trends_21_May_2010.pdf

NEWS & MEDIA

Job training critical to break reliance on unstable industries

This "My Turn" column submitted by Jack Sellers, Chandler City Councilmember, appeared in the May 22, 2010 edition of *The Arizona Republic*. Sellers tells readers "one-stop career centers at Maricopa Workforce Connections and Chandler Gilbert Community College Workforce Development are some of the community's best-kept secrets. I encourage anyone facing a career transition to speak with representatives from each agency and take advantage of their free services. Visit <http://www.azcentral.com/community/chandler/articles/2010/05/20/20100520chandler-sellers-job-training.html> to view the entire article.

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Success in the job hunt through career transition coaching

The Wednesday, May 19, 2010, KPNX newscast segment on *Jobs 911* includes insightful job seeking advice from MWC Trainer, Justin Jones. This informative segment is viewable online at: <http://www.azcentral.com/video/#/News/Success%20in%20the%20job%20hunt%20through%20career%20transition%20coaching/40280768001/35150280001/86892696001>

PARTNER ITEMS

Maricopa Community Colleges become One-Stop Access Points

A joint venture with both the City of Phoenix and Maricopa Workforce Investment systems, MCCCDC will be piloting Access Points at several colleges. Access Points consist of faith-based or community organizations where job seekers can go in their own neighborhoods or communities to look for jobs. To read more click [here](#).



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EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Photovoltaic Solar Installer interviewing event.

On Friday, May 14, 2010 Maricopa Workforce Connections joined with the City of Phoenix, Phoenix College Downtown and Gateway Community College in presenting an Interviewing Event specifically for participants in the Photovoltaic (PV) Solar Installer cohort. MWC and PWC partnered in placing One-Stop customers in Gateway's PV Solar installer cohort. One class has completed, two are currently in session and two additional cohorts are yet to begin. Participants in those cohorts were exclusively invited to the interviewing event. The PV Solar installer cohort is a certificated course designed to train participants in the design, operation, installation and service of photovoltaic (solar) systems. The Interviewing Event was set up to give value-added benefits to those that had completed the PV Solar Installer cohort.



PWC Leader honored with AAED 2010 Workforce Practitioner of the Year award



On May 13, 2010, the Arizona Association of Economic Developers (AAED) honored Cynthia Spell Tweh by presenting her with the 2010 Workforce Practitioner of the Year award. Cynthia was recognized for her tremendous leadership and consensus building skills in helping deliver needed workforce development program assistance to Arizonans. These accomplishments include: many contributions within and beyond the Workforce Investment System, specifically in her role as a Community and Economic Development Deputy Director with Phoenix Workforce Connection. For Program Year 2009, nine of her area's performance standards exceeded and the remaining six met as measured by the U.S. Department of Labor.



These measures include activity for the City of Phoenix only, but beyond the Phoenix service area, Cynthia also created innovative strategies to collaborate with the Maricopa Workforce Connections to better serve all citizens in the County regardless of their residence.

MWC assists with Home Depot RDC Hiring Event

Maricopa Workforce Connections sent an army of staffers to assist Home Depot's Supply Chain team with a massive hiring event on Saturday, May 8, 2010 at the Renaissance Hotel in Glendale. The daylong hiring event was in preparation for the opening of the 467,000 square foot Tolleson Rapid Deployment Center. The Rapid Deployment Center (RDC) is a relatively new logistics infrastructure designed to transform Home Depot's supply chain operations. The old model favored direct store delivery from suppliers and the new RDC model moves most products first through Home Depot distribution centers.




Home Depot Supply Chain Managers from outside Phoenix and MWC staff Connections were on hand to interview 800 candidates who had applied during recruitment events held in Tolleson and at MWC's West Valley Career Center.

Schedule a tour of a valley One-Stop Career Center

Please call to schedule a tour of a MWC or PWC Career Center to engage with local job seekers and businesses, or join a local workforce advisory board to hear first-hand about the challenges and opportunities being encountered at the grass-roots level.

Contact Patrick Burkhardt, Assistant Director, Maricopa County Human Services Department (Phone: 602/506-4146 or e-mail: burkhartp@mail.maricopa.gov); or Cynthia Spell Tweh, Deputy Directory, Community and Economic Development Department, City of Phoenix (Phone: 602/262-6676 or e-mail: cynthia.spell@phoenix.gov) to schedule an appointment or tour.

MWC and PWC focus on increasing the wealth of individuals, businesses, and the community by identifying labor market needs to develop effective, innovative responses to meet the ever changing industry demands.



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