

ITEMS OF NOTE -- June 2009

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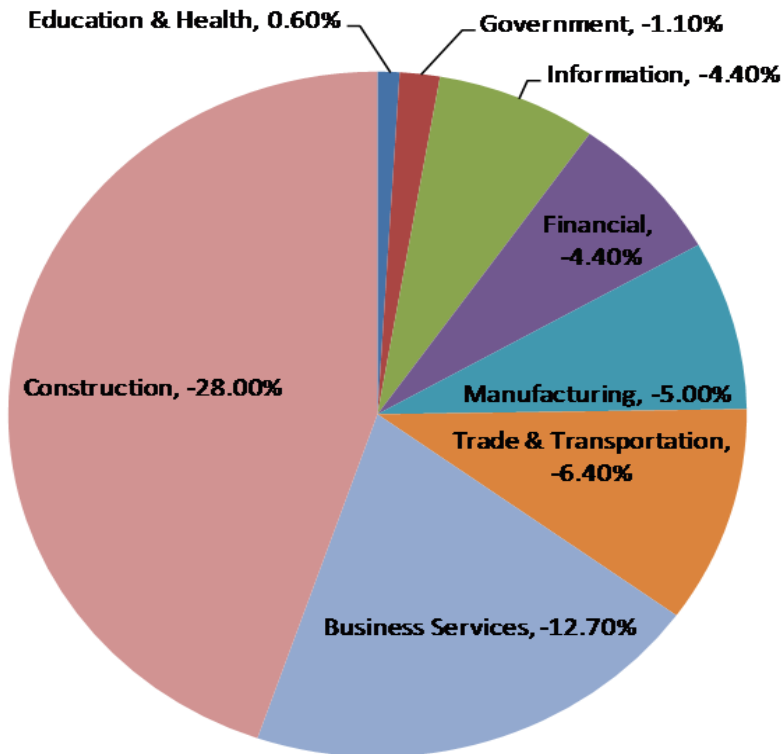
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FACTS & FIGURES

ARRA Summer Youth Employment Program — The Summer Youth Employment Program is underway. During the month of June more than **3,200 youth** will be receiving Work Readiness training. This is their first step in preparing for their Summer Work Experience. *Work Readiness Training consists training sessions covering: completing applications, building a resume, interviewing skills and career decision making.*

Workforce Connections staff and Youth Providers are working diligently to match youth participant skills and schedules with the opportunities presented by the **1,226 employment positions** sought by local employers.

Nonfarm Employment from March 2008 to March 2009 — Job losses by category are highlighted in the following chart derived from research by the Maricopa Community College District's Center for Workforce Development.



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

KPNX-TV (NBC) Features MWC as Expert in Re-employment — On the morning of June 2, 2009 MWC's Patrick Burkhart was a featured guest on KPNX's morning newscast discussing re-employment strategies such as focusing on transferable skills and ways to broaden skills furloughs by expanding skills via volunteerism.



This segment can be viewed online at <http://www.azcentral.com/video/>, select the "Finding a job" segment.

PARTNER ITEMS

Maricopa Community College District Zeros in on Stimulus Funding — MCCCDC Center for Workforce Development (CWD) staff has been meeting with college representatives and regional partners to coordinate efforts in attracting Workforce Investment Act (WIA) competitive training dollars from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Over \$15 million has been approved for Maricopa County/City of Phoenix to provide adult, youth, dislocated worker, and rapid response workforce training. The CWD is working with MWC and PWC to identify top job demand areas and as the economy begins to recover. This information will help drive WIA supported cohort training that will be made available beginning in August/September, for short terms (6-18 months), credit or non-credit, offered in program areas already available at MCCCDC. Areas being considered include:

- Automotive Repair
- Green/Sustainability
- Health Care
- Information Technology
- Manufacturing

In addition CWD is working with its colleges and partners to lure additional competitive and youth services WIA dollars and is exploring scholarship opportunities for its students.





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EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

MWC and PWC Host an Action Clinic for Apprenticeship Partners — More than 100 apprenticeship programs and Workforce Investment Boards have indicated they will attend an Action Clinic hosted by MWC and PWC on June 17, 2009. **AWAKE:** Arizona Workforce Apprenticeship Keys to Employment

Action Clinic was specifically designed to more fully engage apprenticeship programs local workforce areas. The theme of the day-long event is "Employment Opportunities Generated by Connection WIA and Apprenticeship Programs." Details of the Workforce Investment Act and registered apprenticeship programs, and ways they may benefit each other's programs, will be presented in the morning. Attendees will break into work groups to discuss WIA/registered apprenticeships and develop goals and next steps for local area implementation.





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Please visit the valley's Comprehensive WIA One-Stop Career Centers. We'd enjoy showing you what we do!