

Workforce Investment Board

Planning Committee

September 15, 2011 – 8:00 a.m.

Pima Community College – Downtown Campus (Stone Ave.)
Copper Room – 181
Tucson, AZ

MEETING SUMMARY - Revised

Members Present:

Gregg Johnson, Chair
Beverly Price
Johnson Bia
Duane Bock
Mike Guymon

Staff & Guests:

Elaine Babcock
Charles Casey
Diane Luber
Suzanne Miles
Nils Urman
Ris  Hart

- I. **Call to Order** – at 8:01a.m. Gregg Johnson chaired the meeting.
- II. **Review Meeting Summary** – Reviewed.
- III. **Develop a handout similar to “Arizona Competes” used by the Arizona Commerce Department** – Gregg Johnson and Diane Luber will develop a draft handout for the committee to review.
- IV. **Select 2nd Tier Sectors** – The committee reviewed the First Sectors descriptions and decided not to have 2nd Tier Sectors and made a few changes noted in **red**.

Emerging Technologies

This sector focuses on the entrepreneurial spirit that creates businesses and jobs of the future using newly **introduced** innovative technologies. Corporate research and development, low cost “garage” tinkering, or university technology transfer are examples of this sector.

Natural and Renewable Resources

Often referred to as “green”, this sector focuses on the creation of jobs and facilities that will help reduce or eliminate reliance on non-replaceable energy sources. Retooling building and transport systems to reduce or eliminate reliance on imported non-replaceable energy sources such as oil, and growing solar generated power into an exportable energy source are examples of this sector.

Aerospace and Defense

Industries in the Aerospace and Defense sector are numerous in ~~Pima County~~ **Southern Arizona** and they provide an abundant source of jobs and an opportunity for future job creation. The military bases, defense contractors, and supporting manufacturers are examples of this sector.

Logistics

Logistics manages and controls the flow of goods, energy, information and other resources from the source of production to the marketplace. This sector involves the integration of information, transportation, inventory, warehousing, material handling, and packaging. Tucson is a transportation and distribution hub that conveniently connects people and products. Opportunities for jobs and job creation in this sector should ~~advance~~ **increase** based on Tucson's unique geography near the border and deep water ports, as well as a strong transportation infrastructure. This sector includes the Tucson International Airport, Port of Tucson, and rail.

Health Science

Healthcare is **and the science related to healthcare are** large and vibrant industries that provides a significant number of jobs and job opportunities in ~~Pima County~~ **Southern Arizona**. With a focus on keeping workers and their dependents healthy, examples of this sector include traditional health occupations, state of the art health information systems, and cutting edge biotechnology businesses.

Infrastructure (Suggested removing this from the first sector list)

Infrastructure includes jobs that are based in providing a safe, clean, and connected community. Examples of this sector include building and maintaining the facilities from which goods are produced, warehoused, and sold; services are delivered from; workers are housed in; and roads over which goods and people move. An important part of this sector includes communication networks and utility/energy infrastructure.

Suggestions

The foundational to all sectors are the following:

Nanotechnology
Computer Science
Biotechnology
Business Administration
Inland Port
Transportation
Distribution
Warehousing
Homeland Security
Government
Manufacturing
Education (Degrees/certificates)
Optics
Recycling
Water
Trades
Infrastructure

All sectors are beneficial for grant writing.

Assignments:

- Staff to provide suggestions for layout of sectors.
- Committee to review the suggestions and draft handout before the next meeting.
- Arrange a conference call with Lindsey Woolsey.

V. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

VI. Adjournment – 8:53 a.m.