

Pima County Workforce Investment Board

Industry Sectors

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 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 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 and the science related to healthcare are large and vibrant industries that provides a significant number of jobs and job opportunities in 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.

Foundational Sector

Infrastructure

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.