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**FACTS & FIGURES**

**State Energy Sector Partnership Work Experience (WEX) and On-the-job-training (OJT) :**

Maricopa County worked with 2 local employers to provide employment opportunities in the Solar industry. One employer manufactured solar panels and provided 55 individuals with on the job training. And the other employer provided 23 individuals with employment opportunities in assembling panels for a solar plant , many of these individuals had been long term unemployed/employed in the construction industry and had not been able to find work or little work experience. Individuals will have opportunities to retain jobs in a growing industry.



**WorkForce Solutions for Wilson Electric WEX:**

- Total Number Trained: 23
- Total Number Training Hours: 3,762
- Average hourly wage: \$10.75
- Work boots purchased for 11 participants
- SESP reimbursed the employer for up to \$9 per hour for each participant during training.

**Rioglass OJT:**

- Total Number Trained: 55
- Total Number Training Hours: 9,960
- Average hourly wage: \$13
- SESP reimbursed the employer for 50% of wages for each participant during training.

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

**PWC—SESP Award of Excellence in Professionalism:** A City of Phoenix Employee Award of Excellence in Professionalism was presented by John Chan to the PWC State Energy Sector Partnership (SESP) team members: Kimberly Faust, Charmion Hines, Mara DeFilippis, and LaSetta Hogans (*not pictured*). This team has effectively and consistently demonstrated professionalism as a leader in both the State of Arizona and nationally in their work on this federal grant. Although facing considerable challenges, this team consistently demonstrated professionalism. Through the grant, the team engaged businesses, individuals and educational institutions to provide support to the Clean-Tech industry. With a late start receiving the funding, software challenges and a difficult economic environment, this team stayed focused on the grant requirements and exceeded their goal, recruiting and training more than 330 individuals in sustainable, renewable and efficiency industries.



**CBS 5** conducted interviews with an MWC customer and Justin Jones at the WVCC on Oct. 5 for the evening news report on the state's job report. The segment resulted in a potential job offer for the customer as an adjunct professor at the University of Phoenix. *Stay tuned, KPHO is interested in a follow up segment if the position is accepted. This segment is no longer available online.*



## PARTNER ITEMS

Click here to view the [Peoria Connections](#) segment promoting the regional job fair held on Nov. 9.

**[Job fair draws long lines to Peoria Sports Complex](#)** By Jeff Dempsey, YourWestValley.com/Daily News-Sun (11/9/12)  
Excerpt: "Job seekers were lined up around the building at Peoria Sports Complex Thursday for a regional job fair and a chance at more than 3,500 jobs. The event, hosted by Peoria's Economic Development Services Department, in conjunction with Goodwill of Central Arizona and Maricopa Workforce Connections, gave West Valley residents a chance to meet with more than 115 employers."



*Jo Bessent, left and Shelly Jarrett of Maricopa Workforce Connections help provide information on job searches Thursday at the Meet Your Next Employer Regional Job Fair at the Peoria Sports Complex.*

— Photo by Jarod Opperman/Daily News-Sun



Photo by Tabatha Smith, Maricopa Workforce Connections

## EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

**Local Workforce Investment Areas engaged in hosting and promoting job fairs and recruiting/hiring events** — Please check the link frequently for updates -- [Recruiting Events & Career Opportunities](#)

**Contact a director of a local workforce investment area to schedule a tour or discuss workforce issues.**

**[Patricia Wallace](#)** joined the Maricopa County Human Services Department as the **[Assistant Director for Workforce Development on Nov. 5!](#)**

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