

PINAL COUNTY

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Update

March 9, 2011

S.A.N.D Membership Meeting



Economic Development Toolbox

Foundation (basement) is nearly complete:

- County Zoning Ordinance, pertaining to commercial/industrial, is being re-written
- Expedited Permitting process is in place
- FTZ is in place: county-wide
- County Asset Inventory is complete
- County economic development website is in place
- 1st County Economic forum was held in September
- Promoting a new BR&E program
- New “Jobs Bill” passed which also created the Arizona Commerce Authority



Economic Development Toolbox

Jobs Bill: (Arizona Competitiveness Package)

(SB1001 HB2250)

- Corporate Income Tax reduction
- New statewide Enterprise Zone
- New Deal Closing fund
- Job Training Fund (cannot be swept)
- New Arizona Commerce Authority
- New job creation sectors: aerospace & defense, renewable energies, science & technology, small biz and entrepreneurial and manufacturing



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Current County Projects:

- Solar generation facilities and other renewable energy projects (bio-mass, gas storage)
- Manufacturing
- Resolution Copper
- Florence Copper Project
- Union Pacific Railroad/Red Rock
- Other initial inquiries (precious metals, medical, heavy manufacturing, agriculture, plastics, technology, entertainment, etc..)

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2010 Job Creation:

According to the State CES EOY 2010
Report for Pinal County:

- Pinal County gained 1320 new jobs in the past 4 months: Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb
- Across the board: government, manufacturing, medical, agriculture (bio-science), mining, professional, construction, trades
- Still have 57% of available County workforce lives in Pinal County but works in another county
- Still have available workforce issues

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County successes:

- Banner Ironwood opening in San Tan Valley
- Apache Junction Hospital opening
- Florence Community Hospital opening
- New Florence-Anthem Hospital under construction
- New Sun Life Medical clinic in Coolidge
- County bonding for two new health clinics in San Tan Valley and Maricopa



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County successes:

- New mental health facility under construction in Apache Junction
- Banner with initial plans for a new hospital in Maricopa
- Retention program: kept manufacturing company from leaving not only Pinal County but the State + expansion
- New bio-science facility in Casa Grande
- Frito Lay expansion (state manufacturing award)
- Bright International expansion
- ACO Polymer expansion
- Military programs expansions
- Lost Dutchman State Park - City of Apache Junction
- Picacho Peak – City of Eloy



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County successes:

ACA/RBAC Rural Business grants:

- \$2 million dollars available (ARRA)
- ACA/RBAC had 75 applications statewide
- Awarded monies to 22 projects
- Pinal County received the most with 4 projects funded for a total of \$373,000
 - Florence/Blue Adobe - \$33,000
 - CAC/Copper Corridor - \$60,000
 - Eloy/Republic Plastics - \$90,000
 - Casa Grande/Central Arizona Industrial Rail Park - \$190,000

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QUESTIONS?

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