

Application of Criteria for Pima County Bond Project Proposals

Directions: The Pima County Bond Advisory Committee adopted criteria for project inclusion. For each resubmitted and new bond project proposal, please answer how the project meets the criteria below. If certain criteria do not apply to the project, please answer not applicable. The total response for each project should be no longer than two pages in Arial size 11 font. Please do not submit exhibits or attachments.

Project Name: Pima County JTED Regional Industrial Technology Centers

1. Broad Demonstrated Support by Public:

The idea for the Industrial Technology Centers developed out of the Sahuarita WINS! meetings held by Superintendent Manny Valenzuela. Several mining companies participate in that group including: Empire CAT, Asarco, Freeport, and Rosemont. Those employers report the need to have workers trained in occupational areas such as: welding, heavy equipment maintenance/repair, heavy equipment operations, industrial electrician, fixed plant maintenance, and commercial/heavy construction. Furthermore, the JTED has met with other trade agencies such as Alliance of Construction Trades, Arizona Builder's Alliance and Tucson underground Utility Contractors Association. Each of these entities supports the development of training programs in these areas. Furthermore, other groups such as Pima Community College, The OneStop, and the town of Sahuarita have signed on to support the project.

2. Has Regional Public Benefit:

The Pima County JTED currently serves nearly 13000 students in various Career and Technical Education programs throughout the county. Students are able to access those programs at one of over 30 public high schools and an additional 9 central campus sites. The addition of these two centers would mean better access to quality workforce development training for students on the Southside of Tucson as well as the southern part of the county. At this time those students have to travel to access the central campus programs. The current trends in employment in these areas also show strong potential. In many cases just the replacement of workers due to retirement shows great opportunity. These careers are also not low wage professions. Students will learn important skills that can be used to secure high wage jobs within the skilled trades.

3. Partnerships:

The Pima County JTED is currently working with the members of the Sahuarita WINS! Coalition. Additionally, we have been partnering with Pima of the program to create an articulation from high school to post-secondary. The Pima County OneStop is also actively engaged in the planning process along with the Town of Sahuarita. The Sunnyside and Sahuarita School Districts are also involved in the planning of both centers.

4. Other Funding Sources or Matches:

At this time we are working on commitments for possible land and equipment donation. A substantial portion of the ongoing operating costs will be funded through the state via the average daily membership of high school age students enrolled in the program. This is a similar funding model to that of any other public school district in the state.

5. Education and Workforce Training:

The essence of this project is to create a workforce training site that can be used to get students into the pipeline for careers in the skilled trades. Additionally, the site will be used by PCC for incumbent worker training and continuing education of adult students. The industry partners will continue to be heavily involved in the curriculum planning, providing internships for students, donating equipment and even providing teaching staff.

6. Advances Board Adopted Principles of Sustainability and Conservation:

As students enroll in the program the state funding increase on a per pupil basis and therefore the ongoing costs will be covered.

7. Previously Authorized Large-scale Bond Projects or Programs that are Now Short of Funding:

Not applicable.

8. Phasing of Large Projects:

Not applicable

9. Impact on Operating and Maintenance Costs for Governments and Commitment to Fund These Ongoing Costs:

The Pima County JTED will generate revenue based on the student enrollments in the programs. These funds will be used to pay for the ongoing operational and maintenance costs.

10. Project or Program is a Capital Improvement, Not a Repair or Maintenance Project:

The funding will be used to construct the facilities, purchase equipment and possibly land.

