



TO: WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD (WIB) MEMBERS

FROM: ARTHUR ECKSTROM, DIRECTOR

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SUBJECT: **Meeting Summary – December 14, 2012**

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**Members Present:**

Hank Atha  
Johnson Bia  
Duane Bock  
Judy Clinco  
Vaughn Croft  
Wilette Diggs  
Clayton Hamilton  
Kari Hogan  
Gregg Johnson  
Doug Jones  
Lydia Kennedy  
Dorothy Kret  
Zara Larsen  
Charles Monroe  
Kim Murray  
Noreen Nelson  
Arnold Palacios  
Lea Márquez Peterson  
Carl Rosborough  
Alan Storm  
Frank Watts, Jr.  
James Zarling

**Members Absent:**

Linda Arzoumanian  
Jacob Bernal  
Clarence Boykins  
Rose Capono  
Nicholas Clement  
Peggy Feenan  
Michael Guymon  
Peg Harmon  
Chris Hazen-Molina  
Suzanne Lawder  
Sharon Mikrut  
Linda Nichols  
Jill Pearson  
Beverly Price  
Paul Roughton  
Mike Verbout  
Meredith Wilson

**Staff & Guests Present:** Various business representatives and Pima County staff.

- I. **Call to Order/Remarks – Gregg Johnson**  
Gregg Johnson, WIB Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m. Gregg welcomed the group to the WIB annual December event. He mentioned that business and community leaders are invited to speak at the WIB meetings; as a result the board becomes aware of what is happening in the community. He invited all attendees to the WIB meetings held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month. Every summer the WIB and One-Stop help youth find employment and the business community could help increase the numbers by hiring youth. Gregg mentioned that the WIB Annual Report included in the meeting packet focuses on three prongs: employment, economic development, and education. The One-Stop helps with economic development by helping the unemployed find jobs and get training.
- II. **Welcome – Ramón Valadez**  
Ramón Valadez, Chairman of Pima County Board of Supervisors stated there were many successes this year. One of the successes was the launch of the Pima County Economic Development Plan that combines action items along with a long-term vision. The WIB provided critical input into the plan. The plan focuses on streamlining business services, skilled professionals, and workforce literacy. The plan is available online at <http://www.pima.gov>. Other successes include: a new grant for engineering, IT, production management with funds for career advancement and training in the Aerospace and Defense Industry, green training grant provided money to 1,000 people to learn new skill sets, opening of the Kino Veterans Workforce Center, WIB selected agencies that were awarded workforce funds, thousands of people were employed by 700 local businesses, summer jobs were provided to 1,400 Pima County youth including 600 internships funded by the Pima County Board of Supervisors.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance – All**
- IV. **Pima County Economic Development – Chuck Huckelberry**  
Chuck Huckelberry, County Administrator, gave an overview on Pima County Economic Development Action Plan. He pointed out the "Regional Employment Update Memo" included in the meeting packet. A draft plan was distributed to various people including the WIB and 130 comments were received. Four primary initiatives of the Economic Development Action Plan 2012 are: 1) protecting current employers, 2) building new opportunities for job growth, 3) revitalizing tourism, and 4) creating a positive business climate. He stated that there needs to be an economic bond for investing in the aerospace parkway, noise abatement/buffer, tourist attractions, regional job centers, and UA Science/Tech Park access. He said to move forward requires: 1) willingness to invest, 2) regional collaboration, 3) recognizing Mexico as a positive economic, 4) contribute, consistent, supportive political leadership, and 5) constructive civic pride and a positive "can do" attitude about our community.
- V. **Recognitions – Vaughn Croft**  
Vaughn presented "Outstanding Youth Award" plaques to Jessica Reck and Johnny Bravo recognizing their excellent leadership skills, ability to work with others, and demonstrating reliability. Plus he presented an "Outstanding Employer Award" to Savvi for their outstanding commitment to youth through the Pima County One-Stop Youth Program producing significant impacts/outcomes as a result of hiring youth; and demonstrating advocacy in Youth Career and Workforce Development.
- VI. **Closing Remarks – Gregg Johnson**  
Gregg thanked attendees for coming to this event and wished everyone happy holidays.
- VII. **Next Meeting:** Friday, January 11, 2013, 7:30 a.m. Pima Community College.
- VIII. **Adjournment – 9:19 a.m.**