

# News Release

Timothy Jeffries, Director

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 7, 2016

MEDIA CONTACT

Office of Communications

602-542-4296

[PIO@azdes.gov](mailto:PIO@azdes.gov)



## More Jobs Mean More Business for ARIZONA@WORK

**PHOENIX** – In response to the June Kiplinger article highlighting Arizona as second in the nation for 2016 job growth, ARIZONA@WORK, the statewide workforce development network championed by DES and 12 other state partners, is prepared for the anticipated influx of jobseekers and employers.

“Through the Department of Economic Security and our 12 state partners, we have almost 50 ARIZONA@WORK centers to assist individuals who are looking for work,” said DES Workforce Administrator, Chevera Trillo, who oversees the ARIZONA@WORK program. “We also have services for employers available at no cost to recruit and match qualified employees to the job openings.”

To date, there 84,380 new employment opportunities in Arizona. David Payne, Staff Economist at Kiplinger wrote, “Home Depot plans to add about 800 new jobs in Tempe at an online customer support center, and Northern Trust Co. will hire about 1,000 new employees by 2018 at a new Tempe operating center. The state’s largest private employer, Banner Health, is building a \$400 million hospital expansion in Tucson. In Phoenix, Farmers Insurance will significantly expand its operations, eventually adding 1,000 employees. Cenlar, a loan service provider, will create 600 jobs, also in Phoenix.”

Job placement assistance, resume development workshops and other training opportunities are just some of the services provided by ARIZONA@WORK. In addition, apprenticeship programs provide individuals with the opportunity to earn certifications and receive specialized training in a wide variety of career fields.

“We have many programs available to help people gain skills and certifications for a new career,” said State Apprentice Program Lead, William Higgins. “Right now we really have a need for workers to enter construction apprenticeship programs. The construction industry in the Phoenix metro area is *starving* for qualified candidates. We can help individuals who have interest in these careers get the right training to obtain employment.”

Jobseekers and employers can access [www.ARIZONAatWORK.com](http://www.ARIZONAatWORK.com) to find the services and office locations to take advantage of programs designed to get more Arizonans back to work.

###

*The Arizona Department of Economic Security makes Arizona stronger by helping Arizonans reach their potential through temporary assistance for those in need, and care for the vulnerable.*

Visit our website at <https://des.az.gov> and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)