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### **Request to Transfer WIOA Funds from the Dislocated Worker Program to the Adult Program**

Pinal County is a sub recipient of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA –Public Law 113-128) grant funds to provide services for the WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Programs via an intergovernmental agreement with the Arizona Department of Economic Security. WIOA services are offered under the ARIZONA@WORK Pinal County brand. In Pinal County, delivery of Adult and Dislocated Worker Program services are contracted through Equus Workforce Solutions. Funds are allocated annually by Program Year (July 1 – June 30) and are available for a two year period.

WIOA allows the transfer of funds between the WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker (DW) Program funding streams to allow Local Workforce Development Areas (Pinal County) the flexibility to provide services in areas of greatest need. The Pinal County Workforce Development Board (PCWDB) and chief elected official (Pinal County Board of Supervisors) may request to transfer up to 100 percent of its allocated funding for Adult and Dislocated Worker activities funds during a Program Year (PY) between the Title I-B Adult Program and Title I-B Dislocated Worker Program.

Labor market data specific to Pinal County, Arizona, underscores a notable surge in demand for skilled professionals across pivotal sectors: advanced manufacturing, healthcare, and technology. These sectors have experienced robust expansion, fueled in part by strategic economic development initiatives that have actively cultivated their growth within the region.

Dislocated Worker Program participants, being largely work-ready individuals seeking employment guidance and refinement, generally require less program expenditures compared to Adult participants. Conversely, the Adult Program is poised to continue the notable surge in enrollments as the program expands its support for the demand of skilled labor. The injected funds will bolster enrollment capacity enabling the introduction of targeted skill development initiatives tailored to the diversification of industry needs.

Equus Workforce Solutions has submitted a request to the Pinal County Workforce Development Board for the transfer of Program Year 2022 funds in the amount of \$300,000 from its Dislocated Worker Program allocation to its Adult Program funding stream. These funds expire on June 30, 2024. Transfer of such funds will allow ARIZONA@WORK Pinal County to continue to invest in Pinal County citizens who are eligible for Adult services. The transfer will not impact the ability to continue to serve eligible Dislocated Workers.

The Pinal County Workforce Development Board (PCWDB) is soliciting public comments related to this request through September 19, 2023 to be considered at during the September 21, 2023 PCWDB meeting. **Public comments may be submitted to:** [arizonaatwork@pinal.gov](mailto:arizonaatwork@pinal.gov)