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Request to Transfer WIOA Funds from the Dislocated Worker 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 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 (CEO) 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.

With an unemployment rate of 4.1% (as of September 2022) and a workforce increasing to over 200,000, it is imperative that funding flexibility be available to meeting the changing needs of Pinal County citizens seeking ARIZONA@WORK Pinal County program services. This labor force growth translates into more in-demand job opportunities of which Pinal focuses its Adult and Dislocated Worker service delivery system.

PY22 Q1 ADW enrollment trends, resulting in a 15:1 Adult to Dislocated Worker Program enrollment ratio, aligns with the economic conditions currently experienced in Pinal County. This request will allow the workforce system to better align the availability of services with local area demand. Such a balance fosters a workforce development system that is adaptable to local economic conditions, highly effective and capable of meeting and exceeding performance targets.

Equus Workforce Solutions has submitted a request to the Pinal County Workforce Development Board for the transfer of Program Year 2021 funds in the amount of \$314,682 from its Dislocated Worker Program allocation to its Adult Program funding stream. These funds expire on June 30, 2023.

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 November 14, 2022. Public comments may be submitted to:

arizonaatwork@pinal.gov and will be considered during the November 17, 2022 PCWDB meeting.