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### **1. Employment Opportunities with the State of Arizona!**

Director, Department of Economic Security  
Salary Range \$103,130-\$185,634

The State of Arizona is seeking a highly qualified executive to lead the Department of Economic Security (DES). DES is an integrated human service agency providing a vast array of human service programs including protective services for children and adults, child welfare services, employment and training, unemployment insurance, aging and adult services, public assistance, child support enforcement, services for individuals with disabilities (including the State's Title XIX Long Term Care Program for people with developmental disabilities), early intervention services, and eligibility determination for Arizona's Medicaid agency (AHCCCS). DES employs over 9,000 employees and has an annual budget of more than 4.6 billion dollars, including the funding for Unemployment Insurance and SNAP (food stamps). Under the direction of the Governor, the Director is the agency's chief executive and provides visionary leadership and strategic direction to agency management and staff.

Job Summary: Through subordinate managers, the Director plans, directs, and coordinates all organizational components of the agency. The position is responsible for managing the Department's complex budget; establishing policy direction and ensuring the quality and accountability of services. In addition, the Department contains one of the largest data centers in the state and manages its own personnel and procurement functions under delegated authority from the Department of Administration. The Director is also responsible for testifying before the state legislature on budget and policy issues across a wide variety of programs, coordinating with federal agencies including the Department of Labor and Department of Health & Human Services, working with Arizona's tribal communities, conducting interviews with the media, and numerous public speaking engagements such as community and advocacy groups. The Director is a member of the Governor's Cabinet.

To view the FULL announcement or see other opportunities, please visit [www.azstatejobs.gov](http://www.azstatejobs.gov)

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2. State Board and Commission Vacancies

Civil Rights Advisory Board – 4 Vacancies. Requirements: 4 Public members.
Indian Affairs Commission – 9 Vacancies. Requirements: 7 Indian tribe representatives and 2 public members.
Small Business, Governor's Council on - 4 Vacancies. Requirements: 4 members of the small business community
Solar Energy Advisory Council – 13 Vacancies. Requirements: 10 Members knowledge of solar energy technologies or representatives of private industry involved in the application of solar energy, 1 UofA faculty member, 1 NAU faculty member, 1 private industry involved in the application of solar energy to commercial, industrial or residential use.
Workforce Policy, Governor's Council on – 6 Vacancies. Requirements: 5 Private Sector Employees, 1 Urban Community College Representative.

To view other vacancies or apply for a state board or commission, please visit <http://azgovernor.gov/bc/index.asp>

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## 3. State Procurement Opportunities

To view current Solicitation Notices or register as a state supplier, please visit <https://procure.az.gov/bs/>

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4. Emergency Response Planning

You may need to survive on your own after an emergency. This means having your own food, water, and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least three days. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone immediately. You could get help in hours, or it might take days. In addition, basic

services such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment, and telephones may be cut off for days, or even a week or longer. For more information on developing an emergency supply kit and plan, please visit <http://www.ready.gov/>

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**5. December Environmental Issues Breakfast - December 8th**

Wednesday, December 8, 2010  
Sheraton Phoenix Airport Hotel  
1600 S. 52nd Street, Tempe 85281

7:00 a.m. - Registration & Breakfast  
7:30 a.m. - Program

Fee (includes full breakfast): \$30 member, \$45 non-member

Topic: City of Phoenix's New MS4 Permit  
Speaker: Linda Palumbo, City of Phoenix

The City of Phoenix recently received a new MS4 permit that will result in some compliance requirement changes for business and industry in the city. Linda Palumbo from the City of Phoenix's Water Services Department will provide an overview of the City's MS4 permit and provide an outline of the changes that can be expected.

Topic: West Van Buren WQARF Site Early Response Action  
Speaker: Mitch Klein, Polsinelli and Shughart

Early this year the Roosevelt Irrigation District (RID) filed a proposal for an Early Response Action (ERA) with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality for remediation work in the West Van Buren WQARF site. A few months later RID filed suit against a number of potential responsible parties seeking cost recovery for the same. Mitch Klein from Polsinelli and Shughart will provide an overview of WQARF ERA provisions, how it is being applied to the West Van Buren WQARF Site, and the legislative changes being considered .

Questions? Please contact Katie Whitchurch at 602-248-9172 x126 or [kwhitchurch@azchamber.com](mailto:kwhitchurch@azchamber.com)

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6. Non-Eagle Feather Repository Distribution Ceremony - December 8th

Wednesday, December 8th, 2010 from 2:00PM to 3:00PM
Native American Connections, 4520 N. Central Avenue, Suite 600, Phoenix, AZ 85012

On October, 1, 2010, Liberty Wildlife become one of two organizations granted to provide Native Americans with a permitted source, to obtain non-eagle feathers from federally regulated migratory birds for religious and cultural use. The U.s. Fish and Wildlife Service, in cooperation with Liberty Wildlife, have established a two-year pilot program to assist Native Americans throughout the country to lawfully acquire migratory bird carcasses, their parts and feathers.

Dr. Benjamin Tuggle, Regional Director of Region 2 US Fish and Wildlife Service, who was instrumental in making this Repository a reality, will be presenting feathers to two local recipients.

Attendees are encouraged to wear traditional attire if they wish.

Live birds of prey will be present at the ceremony and for photos afterward.

For more information, please contact Liberty Wildlife at 480.998.5550 or Native American Connections at 602.254.3247

7. Many Faces of Hate Film Series - December 8th

The Anti-Defamation League & Scottsdale Community College presents the Many Faces of Hate Film Series "A Dream in Doubt".

Wednesday, December, 8th 2010 from 6:30 pm – 9:00* pm

Scottsdale Community College, Turquoise Room

9000 E. Chaparral –Park in lot A or B

*Due of the length of the film and to allow enough time for discussion, we have extended the evening.

ADMISSION IS FREE!

Special guest moderator Rana Singh Sodhi. When Rana Singh Sodhi’s brother is killed in Mesa, AZ in America’s first post-9/11 revenge hate crime, he begins a journey to reclaim his American dream and fight the hate that continues to threaten his community. This intimate, hour-long documentary of one man’s odyssey from persecution in India to embracing America as his homeland proves that courage and hope have the power to overcome hate.

For more information please call 602-274-0991 or visit www.adl.org

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**8. Northern Arizona Rural Health Policy Assembly - December 13th**

The Rural Health Office at the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, University of Arizona and the Arizona Rural Health Association invites you to the

Northern Arizona Rural Health Policy Assembly

December 13, 2010 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Moenkopi Legacy Inn, Tuba City, Arizona

The purpose of the Northern Arizona Regional Policy Forum is to bring together stakeholders in health care services to explore regional issues impacting the delivery of care, along with potential solutions to challenges faced in the region.

Presentations include: Research and American Indians, Protection of Native American Women and Broadband on Reservations.

For more information, please contact Agnes Attakai at 520.626.4727 or email [agnes@email.arizona.edu](mailto:agnes@email.arizona.edu)

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9. Arizona Eggs & Issues Breakfast Series "Welcome to Washington" - December 14th

The Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry is pleased to present "Welcome to Washington"

Featuring: Congressman-elect Paul Gosar, Congressman-elect Ben Quayle and Congressman-elect David Schweikert

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Hyatt Regency Phoenix

122 N. 2nd Street, Phoenix, 85004

7:00 a.m. - Registration

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Breakfast & Program

\$40 Member, \$55 Non-Member, \$400 Table Sponsorship, \$1,500 Presenting Sponsorship

To register, please visit http://www.azchamber.com/events/view_event.cfm?ID=109

Questions, please contact Katie Whitchurch at kwhitchurch@azchamber.com or 602-248-9172 x126.

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**10. Indo-American Chamber Environmental Forum - December 14th**

Tuesday December 14, 2010 from 7:00 AM to 9:30 AM MST  
University Club - A.S.U.  
425 E University Dr  
Tempe, AZ 85281

Speakers:

Michelle De Blasi, Partner- Quarles & Brady LLP  
"Renewable Energy in Arizona: An Economic Development Perspective."

Philip D. Allsopp, RIBA, FRSA,  
Board of Directors Chairman - Phoenix Green Chamber of Commerce  
"Improving The Efficiency of Business - Measuring the 'Wake' of doing business"

Lynn Paige, CEO - Perfect Power, Inc.  
"Women and Minorities in Solar in the U.S."

Registration Fee: \$30 Non Members, \$20 Members

To register online, please visit

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?llr=hntinjdb&oeidk=a07e35xdch93c62ece0&oseq=a011mg5y547sk>

The parking lot entrance is on the South side of University Dr. and about 1/2 mile West of Rural Rd, just West of the pedestrian bridge near the dorms. There is a small sign at the entrance to the University Club. The parking lot has about 55 parking spaces.

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11. Medical Marijuana in Arizona Webinar - December 15th

Medical Marijuana in Arizona: The HR Practitioner's New Nightmare

Date: December 15, 2010

Time: 10:00am-11:00am

Cost: \$129 per line

Under the Arizona Medical Marijuana Act, most employers won't be able to discipline card-carrying employees who test positive for marijuana unless the employee used, possessed, or was impaired by marijuana at work. It will also be illegal to reject a job applicant simply for testing positive for marijuana in a pre-hire test, if that applicant is a properly registered medical marijuana user. The implications of this new law cannot be overstated. What about federal preemption? Negligence lawsuits? Employees subject to Department of Transportation regulations? These questions and more will be addressed in MSEC's December 15 webinar. Learn how Arizona's new medical marijuana law-possibly the nation's most employee-friendly-will radically change how you deal with marijuana use in the workplace.

For more information and to register please call 602-955-7558 or email registration@msec.org

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**12. Genetic Bias in Your Workplace Webinar - December 16th**

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission recently published its final regulations implementing Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA), which prohibits the acquisition and use of genetic information in the employment context.

These new regulations, which are scheduled to take effect on January 10, 2011, contain several key changes to the proposed regulations and clarify the circumstances in which employers may be liable for acquiring "genetic information". Join us for a discussion of the new regulations including:

- The purpose behind GINA's enactment;
- A review of GINA's prohibitions;
- Exceptions to the prohibitions against acquiring genetic information;
- Medical examinations relating to employment;
- Consequences for non-compliance; and
- GINA's practical implications.

Thursday, December 16, 2010  
11:00AM to Noon (MST)

Cost: \$99.00

For more information please contact Moira Cue at 310.217.8191 ext221 or email [webinars@ogletreedeakins.com](mailto:webinars@ogletreedeakins.com). visit the website at [www.ogletreedeakins.com](http://www.ogletreedeakins.com)

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13. 2010 Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) Innovation Grant Program - Deadline December 23rd

The Arizona Commerce Authority is pleased to announce the 2010 Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) Innovation Grant Program

The Innovation Grant Program is intended to foster the growth of early-stage tech ventures in the state by bridging the financing gap between research and development and commercial launch of promising technology. \$1.5 million of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds are available for grants ranging from \$100,000 - \$250,000. Commercialization grants will be awarded to small (less than 30 employees), early-stage companies in Arizona's targeted manufacturing export industries - renewable energy and sustainability, bio and life sciences, electronics, information technology, aerospace and defense, and advanced manufacturing.

Applicants must propose a complete project plan to commercialize their technology solution by September 30, 2011.

Please see <http://www.azcommerce.com/busasst/incentives/10innovgrants> for more information

Applications are due no later than 5:00 PM, December 23, 2010

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### **14. PepsiCo Foundation Grants – Deadline: January 01, 2011**

Amount: Varies

Purpose: to advance objectives related to education, health and wellness, diversity and inclusion, and thought leadership

Eligibility: 501(c)(3)

<http://www.pepsico.com/Purpose/PepsiCo-Contributions/Grants.html>

(If you are seeking a grant for less than \$100,000, you must first submit a brief Letter of Interest that answers the questions below. Please submit this letter via email only to [pepsico.foundation@pepsi.com](mailto:pepsico.foundation@pepsi.com).)

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15. Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust Grant – Deadline: January 05, 2011

Amount: Varies

Purpose: to help people in need, especially women, children and families; to protect animals and nature; and to enrich community life primarily in metropolitan Phoenix and Indianapolis.

Eligibility: charitable organizations located in and serving the metropolitan areas of Indianapolis, Indiana and Phoenix, Arizona, with the exception of environmental requests. For environmental requests, the Trust will consider proposals from charitable organizations throughout Arizona and Indiana. <http://www.nmpct.org/>

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**16. 2011 AZ Legislative Forecast Luncheon - January 7, 2011**

The Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry presents the 2011 AZ Legislative Forecast Luncheon

Senate President, Russell Pearce  
Speaker of the House, Kirk Adams  
Senate Asst. Minority Leader, Leah Landrum Taylor  
House Minority Leader, Chad Campbell

Presentation of the Business Agenda 2011  
Friday, January 7, 2011  
Hyatt Regency Phoenix  
122 North 2nd Street, Phoenix, 85004

11:00 AM Registration  
Noon to 1:30 PM Lunch and Program

Members \$60 / Non-Members \$75  
(Sponsorships are available)

RSVP to Katie Whitchurch at [KWhitchurch@azchamber.com](mailto:KWhitchurch@azchamber.com) or call 602.248.9172 ext 126. Register online at [http://www.azchamber.com/events/view\\_event.cfm?ID=105](http://www.azchamber.com/events/view_event.cfm?ID=105)

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17. Stone Canyon Community Foundation Grant - Deadline: January 15, 2011

Amount: up to \$20,000 with a 2-3 year commitment contingent on annual review and appropriation
Purpose: to help young people get and stay on track, taking advantage of educational and other opportunities for their own self-improvement and development
Eligibility: 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organizations serving the Oro Valley and greater Tucson area communities
<http://www.stonecanyoncf.org/grantscreen2009.shtml>

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**18. 16th Annual AZSHRM Employment Law & Legislative Conference - March 2, 2011**

Wednesday, March 2, 2011 6:45 AM - 4:30 PM  
Black Canyon Conference Center  
9440 N. 25th Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85021

Non-SHRM Member \$175.00  
SHRM Member \$150.00

Register by 1/15/11 for the discounted rate of \$150 (non-SHRM) or \$135 (SHRM member)

Are you tired of trying to keep ahead of all the new state and federal employment regulations? Power-up with AZSHRM & THE BEST statewide Employment & Legislative Law Conference. There will be several breakout sessions including: Immigration, FLSA, FMLA, Social Media and more!

Register at [http://www.azshrm.org/Event\\_Details.asp?fair=10011878](http://www.azshrm.org/Event_Details.asp?fair=10011878)

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19. Ben & Jerry's Foundation: National Grassroots Grant Program – Deadline: Ongoing

Purpose: to supports nonprofit community organizations throughout the United States that bring about progressive social change by addressing the underlying conditions of societal and environmental problems. The broad goals of the program are to further social justice, protect the environment, and support sustainable food systems. The Foundation does not make grants to support social service programs.

Amount of funding: up to \$15,000

Eligibility: grassroots, constituent-led organizations that are using community organizing strategies to accomplish their goals as well as organizations that provide technical support and/or resources to such groups.

www.benandjerrysfoundation.org/the-national-grassroots-grant-program.html

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**20. National Award for Outstanding Seventh Graders - Deadline April 25, 2011**

Each year, the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Young Scholars Program honors 50 to 75 seventh-graders who can demonstrate outstanding academic ability, accomplishments outside of the classroom, and significant financial need. The award is extremely competitive, but those selected receive financial support for educational and extracurricular activities, as well as one-on-one help applying to high schools, colleges, summer programs, and more. Please spread the word to any educators, families, or organizations that might be interested. 2011 applications will be available in mid-January online and are due in April. <http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/young-scholars-program>

Anyone with questions should feel free to contact the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth at 410-735-6270 or [jkcinfo@jhu.edu](mailto:jkcinfo@jhu.edu).

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21. Fireplace Use Can Take Your Breath Away

“Wood burning is our oldest way of generating heat, but that does not mean it is the best way,” said Beth Gorman, Senior Program Manager at PDEQ. “Every winter I receive calls from community members who cannot walk in their neighborhood due to the affects of wood smoke on their health,” Gorman continued. Exposure to the pollutants in wood smoke can cause eye, nose and throat irritation, headaches, nausea, irregular heart beat, chest pain, shortness of breath, dizziness and can aggravate asthma and other respiratory diseases. The Children’s Health Environmental Coalition cites many studies that show how children living in wood-burning households experience “higher rates of lung inflammation, breathing difficulties, pneumonia, and other respiratory diseases.”

In addition to causing breathing problems, standard wood-burning fireplaces are an inefficient method of heating and can actually remove more heat from a house than they produce.

For more information, please contact Beth Gorman at (520) 243-7446. To read the full article, go to <http://www.deq.pima.gov/New/newsrelease/FirePlaces2010.html>

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