PHOENIX FORWARD strengthening the road to prosperity

Business Outreach Summary July 2015 – June 2016

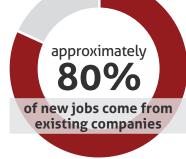








PHOENIX FORWARD >> NEW 10BS



This report is a result of the coordinated and collaborative outreach conducted by its partners from July 2015 through June 2016 and reflects the industry intelligence shared by companies during this period on planned expansion and job creation for the upcoming year.

BUSINESS OUTREACH VISITS



	Sector	Number of Visits
	Advanced Business & Financia	l Services 235
	Bioscience	14
Ð	Health Care	165
6	Transportation & Logistics	105
	Architecture & Construction	
	Education	
	Manufacturing	
	Retail	
	Other*	

*Includes: Aerospace & Defense, Agriculture, Automotive, Consumer Products & Services, Entertainment & Recreation, Food & Beverage, Government, Hardware, Hospitality, Information Technology, Legal Services, Mining, Multimedia, Photonics, Real Estate, Sustainable Industries, Telecommunications, Tourism and Waste Management. **Phoenix Forward** is a collaborative, strategic approach to economic development designed to grow and retain existing businesses in Arizona. The Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Arizona Commerce Authority, the City of Phoenix and Maricopa County conduct outreach visits to companies poised for growth. The partners coordinate their outreach efforts to maximize the number of companies the program reaches.

Phoenix Forward is focused on four industry sectors:

- Advanced Business & Financial Services
- Bioscience
- Health Care
- Transportation & Logistics

Each of these sectors has a dedicated industry leadership council with strategic action plans designed to strengthen their respective sector and act on industry intelligence gathered from the outreach visits. The industry leadership councils are led by the region's top industry experts, leaders and innovators.

Over the course of the year 695 companies

were referred to businessstrengthening resources.

Business Concern		
Challenged with finding qualified talent to fill open positions		

Phoenix Ranks No. 3 in Tech Job Growth

According to Forbes, "The desert city's information workforce has expanded by 39.29% since 2010, the third highest increase of any metropolitan area, just behind the Bay Area twins (San Francisco & San Jose)."



Phoenix Forward Assistance

Company Expansions

This is a sample of the companies visited that are looking to grow and expand:

- Fry's Food Stores
- Lexington Law
- Vanguard Financial
- Transdev
- Capital Choice Financial Services
- Sagewood

Connect with workforce development and training programs such as the Arizona@Work development network offered by both the City of Phoenix and Maricopa County

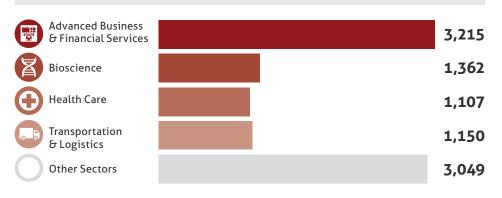
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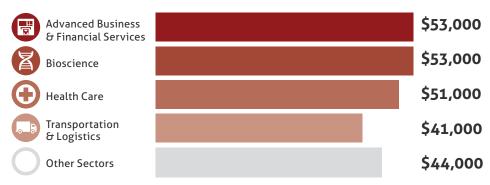
The Phoenix Forward partners worked individually and collaboratively to support the expansion of existing businesses in the region. During these visits, companies indicated the following anticipated growth: 9,883 jobs representing \$479 million in payroll and 4,402,800 square feet in new building space.

The numbers below reflect updated figures that were reported as a result of follow-up to previous visits.

NUMBER OF REPORTED NEW JOBS 9,883 TOTAL REPORTED NEW JOBS ALL SECTORS:

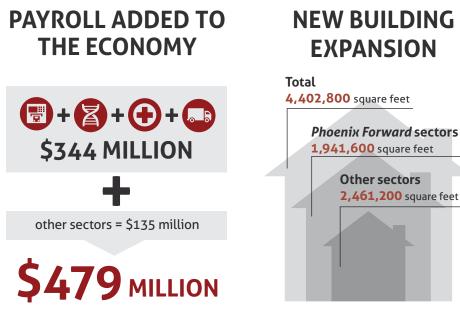


REPORTED AVERAGE WAGE OF NEW JOBS



NEW BUILDING EXPANSION

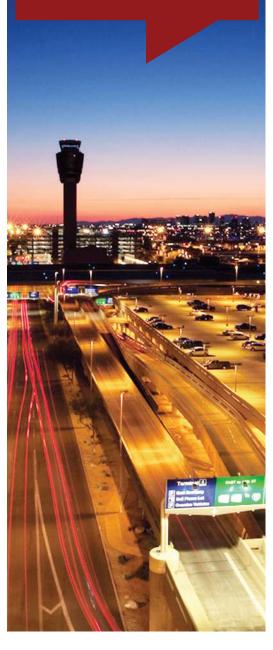
2,461,200 square feet



Greg Tilque from the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce and Pam Lindley from the City of Phoenix Community & Economic Development Department paid us a visit in July 2015. We mentioned to them that we needed assistance with the permitting process for the design and renovation of our new headquarters building and through the Phoenix Forward initiative, they accelerated the permitting process.

Shortly after their visit, we held a meeting with representatives of the city's Planning & Development Department which ultimately led to approval of our architectural plans and enabled us to move ahead with our planned expansion.

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