

# **Community-Based Job Training Grants**

*Pima County One-Stop Career Center*

**Grantee:** Pima County One-Stop Career Center

**Industry Focus:** Transportation -- Distribution and Logistics

**Key Partners:** Arizona Western College; Cochise College; Pima Community College; Cochise County Workforce Development; Santa Cruz County One-Stop Career Center; Yuma Private Industry Council; Southern Arizona Logistics Education Organization; Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities; Sierra Vista Economic Development Foundation; Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation

**Grant Amount:** \$2,000,000

**Leveraged Amount:** \$4,178,185

**Location of Grant Activities:** Southern Arizona

**Challenge:** Rapid growth of freight activity and domestic and overseas trade have resulted in a shortage of skilled workers. Southern Arizona's geographic position on the border with Mexico and the series of highways linking the United States, Canada, and Mexico, represent a competitive opportunity for the region. The importance of the aerospace-defense sector in the region, coupled with the focus on border security, make the development of integrated and reliable logistics systems critical to regional growth and national security.

**Addressing the Challenge:** Over the course of three years the IFA Regional Logistics Workforce Initiative will: 1) bring together employers to identify occupations, skills and knowledge sets and strategies to fill workforce gaps; 2) bring Cochise College, Pima Community College and Arizona Western College together to develop shared curricula and programs in truck driving, warehousing and supply chain management. These schools will develop outreach modules suitable for use in the K-12 system; and 3) mobilize local workforce systems to prepare a pipeline of trainees to enter logistics occupations by recruiting existing entry-level workers and dislocated workers in need of retraining, and youth, and matching them with job placement opportunities.

## **Projected Outcomes:**

- The initiative will train 2,380 students
- 150 students will receive truck driving certificates
- 240 students will receive warehousing certificates
- 180 students will receive a Logistics and Supply Chain Management Associate's Degree
- 1,500 students will be trained in introductory career and technical modules, 300 of which will also receive on-the-job training in a logistics-related occupation.