



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 13, 2013

To: Robin Brigode
Clerk of the Board

From: Hank Atha, Deputy
County Administrator

Re: **Information regarding May 14, 2013 Addendum Items 7-17, Community Services, Employment and Training Department Contracts**

These agreements are for services in the 2013 Summer Youth Employment and Education Program. The contractors are non-profit agencies and one school district that provide work experience, intern and basic education programs to 850 youth from throughout Pima County.

The agencies were selected through a Request for Proposal issued in January 2011. Proposals were reviewed and recommendations made by a committee of the Pima County Workforce Investment Board. These agencies are all experienced youth and education program providers. The agencies are funded by a mixture of federal and local funds.

This year over 4,000 youth applied for summer positions. 3,000 applicants were tested for basic education skills. Youth who tested low are recommended for either a basic education program or for a program that combines work experience and basic education. Youth who test higher are placed in work experience or private internship positions.

Approximately 1250 youth will be in Pima County or agency positions. An additional sixty-four will work in Pima County Department of Transportation positions and thirty in Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department positions. The Pima County Department of Transportation is the oldest government funded, summer youth employment program in the community. The program dates to the 1940's or 50's, when some of today's prominent citizens got their first work experience in the program.

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