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## GPEC, Maricopa County debut new website



**PHOENIX (February 18)** – A new <u>website</u>, Maricopa County Competes, was launched this month as a partnership between Maricopa County and the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC).

In a survey of active clients, companies have routinely requested information on Maricopa County processes, such as Air Quality Permits, Workforce Support, Industrial Development Authority Financing Provisions and Foreign Trade Zones. The new microsite, which visitors can access from GPEC's <u>homepage</u>, allows prospective business expansions to quickly maneuver through the County departments to expeditiously obtain the information they desire.

"The new County Competes website is a great example of the partnership with GPEC to promote business expansions in the County," said Supervisor Steve Chucri, Chairman of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. "Residents and businesses alike now have a resource to learn more about the various streamlined department processes within the County."

The site provides an opportunity for businesses looking to grow their operations in Maricopa County to locate services available to make doing business in the County seamless, including access to workforce development resources.

"The county plays an important role in driving economic development and this new portal reinforces the County's commitment to being open for business," said Chris Camacho, president and CEO of GPEC. "Our mission focuses on expanding high wage jobs in the region, and any opportunity to promote the ease of doing business within Maricopa County is a great one."

Since 1989, GPEC has assisted in 609 locates in Maricopa County, creating nearly 107,000 jobs and \$13 billion in capital investment.

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About the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC)

A true public/private partnership, GPEC is the regional economic development organization for Greater

Phoenix. Working with its 22 member communities, Maricopa County and more than 170 private investors, GPEC attracts quality businesses to this dynamic region. By creating a high-performance economy through capital investments and jobs, Greater Phoenix companies enjoy a business climate where they can compete and thrive in today's global economy. Since 1989, GPEC has worked to achieve an economically sound and sustainable region. For more information, visit <u>www.gpec.org</u>