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## **DES creates new online service to match job seekers with employment opportunities**

Phoenix (February 22, 2012) – The Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) has launched a new website that will allow job seekers to conduct a more efficient search for employers who need their skills.

[The Arizona Job Connection](#) website is designed to help both job seekers and employers identify the best talent to fill an open position. Arizona is a member of the America's Job Link Alliance (AJLA) and the eighth member state to implement AJLA as its Workforce Case Management and Reporting System.

"The purpose of this website is to provide a better resource for employers and job seekers alike," said Peggy Feenan, Employment Administrator for the DES Division of Employment and Rehabilitative Services.

"Our goal is to help people get back to work and assist Arizona companies with finding the talent they need to expand their business and improve their bottom line," Feenan said.

The new website provides free 24-hour access to tools that allow potential employees to:

- Conduct job searches for positions that match their skills and experience
- Build and post resumes online
- Create a personal profile
- Receive email updates

Those looking for employment opportunities can also establish a Plus Account that will provide them with:

- Access to DES staff who can help match them with their "ideal job"
- Advance job notifications for veterans
- Additional resources, including skills certification and training programs

A series of services designed to meet the needs of employers includes:

- A free database that provides access to thousands of resumes
- The ability to search online applicants to find those who best need their needs
- The ability to manage the company's profile
- Email updates on new resumes from jobs seekers who may meet their needs

For more information about America's Job Link Alliance, visit the AJLA website at [www.ajla.net](http://www.ajla.net), or contact Brooke Patterson, Communications Manager, at [bpatterson@ajla.net](mailto:bpatterson@ajla.net).

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