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CITY OF PHOENIX PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Data Summary Sheet

December, 2008

Statistics

Phoenix Corporate Limits
Population Estimate - Sept. 30, 2008
1,563,218

Phoenix Municipal Planning Area
Population Projection - Dec., 2008
1,644,915

Source: *City of Phoenix Planning Department*

Phoenix Corporate Limits
Total Area - November 2008
517.8824 square miles

Source: *City of Phoenix City Clerk Department*

Unemployment Rate

October (seasonally adjusted):

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Phoenix-Metro*	5.5%	3.4%
State of Arizona	6.1%	3.9%
U.S.	6.5%	4.8%

Source:

http://www.workforce.az.gov/admin/uploadedPublications/2265_PrJan07.pdf "Arizona's Workforce"

Non-farm Payroll Employment

Arizona for October (In 1,000's)

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>Change</u>
	2,608.9	2,679.8	-2.6%

Source: www.workforce.az.gov, right-hand column, "Arizona's Workforce"

Consumer Price Index- Phoenix-Mesa All Consumers, December 2001 = 100

<u>2008 Q2</u>	<u>2002 Q2</u>	<u>Change</u>
118.912	101.3	17.4%

Source: *U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

Last Issue of BIDC Newsletter

That's right, this is the last official issue of the Phoenix Planning Department's *Business and Industry Data Center* newsletter and the last official act for the Phoenix Planning Department's role as a BIDC Affiliate. Unfortunately, like many other organizations, Phoenix and the Phoenix Planning Department have been caught up in the recent budget shortfalls and resultant workforce contractions. We have notified the Arizona State Data Center that due to decreased personnel, we can only support those programs where we can continue to provide excellent customer service. Unfortunately, the BIDC Affiliate program is not one which we are able to continue to support.

That's the bad news. The good news is that we are planning on continuing the newsletter, albeit in another format. Form and function should remain fairly consistent with what you've come to expect from past issues.

So, is there any good economic news? Well, it depends on whether you're buying or selling.

- This is a great time to purchase a house. According to the Case-Shiller Housing index, Phoenix Metro prices fell 31.9% between September, 2007 and September, 2008.
- It's also a great time to buy a new Chevrolet Yukon XL SUV. Retail Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price of \$39,825, now only \$25,825. That's \$14,000 or 35.2% off retail!

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