

## Attachment Three

Update of  
Arizona Data Estimates and Projections Task Force (ADEPT) activities

Provided to members of the  
MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee

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- Held both an ADEPT Task Force and a Technical Committee meeting.
- Presentations were made on the US Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) and the Central Arizona Association of Governments' project to collect building permit and completion information.
- The ACS presentation reviewed methodology of the ACS survey, along with a comparison of the released ACS data and data of the recently completed 2005 US Census Survey for communities in the MAG region.
- The Technical Committee is continuing efforts to refine the scope of services for undertaking a survey of "best practices" for producing demographic and employment estimates and projections. Selection of a consultant to complete this survey is also moving forward.
- The Technical Committee selected, as designated by the Task Force, a consultant to undertake a users survey with the survey research center at Northern Arizona University.
- The Technical Committee is compiling a list of persons to be contacted to respond to the users survey. As requested, MAG provided contact information for member agencies.
- It appears likely that the users survey will be conducted in November 2006.
- The Task Force will be submitting a report to the Governor in December 2006. The next meeting of the Task Force will be focusing on ideas and suggestions for inclusion in this report. It is anticipated this report will provide a review of the Task Force activities, findings, and potentially some ideas on ways to improve the population estimates methods and process.
- The Task Force will likely address population projections and labor force/employment estimates and projections in 2007. The current schedule of meetings calls for the Task Force to complete a final report by June 2007.