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**Career Connectors Represents Arizona in Washington, DC**

***Career Connectors will be joining the Dept of Labor, U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis, Job Club leaders and speaking at the White House Forum on Job Clubs.***

PHOENIX, AZ – September 18, 2012 – Jessica Pierce, Executive Director and Founder of Career Connectors has been invited to attend and speak at the upcoming Forum of Job Clubs in Washington, DC on September 20, 2012. The purpose of this forum is to bring together job club and ministry leaders, faith and nonprofit leaders and workforce development officials from across the country with representatives from the White House, Department of Labor, and other federal agencies to discuss the important role of job programs in getting Americans back to work.

Career Connectors brings a specialized distinction in the national job club model due to the emphasis on developing relationships with Phoenix-area employers whom are hiring professional-level employees. Mrs. Pierce has been asked to specifically speak about the model of employer engagement, the network of churches in the faith-based community and the unique volunteer model. “Over the last three years, we have spent a significant amount of time developing relationships with hundreds of Phoenix-area employers. We know that the number one need for our members is to feel a real connection with a hiring company, even if that company is not the one that hires them. At the end of the day, people want to feel a sense of hope during the devastating time of job loss and career transition. We provide a place for that through the collaborative climate, the connections and the resources.” stated Jessica.

Career Connectors has a newly appointed Board of Directors, with a stewardship to uphold the mission of “Connecting Professionals in Career Transition with Hiring Companies and Quality Resources.” “Obtaining this non-profit status was the next strategic step after operating as an entirely volunteer

program since 2009, to begin the process of funded growth,” stated Jessica. The invitation to join other speakers in Washington DC is an exciting forum to help share best practices and learn from others as Career Connectors strives to help Americans get back to work.

### **About Career Connectors**

Career Connectors brings public and private businesses together, along with philanthropic groups, non-profit communities, government entities, and faith-based organizations, “Connecting Professionals in Career Transition with Hiring Companies and Quality Resources.”

As Arizona’s fastest growing job seeker program targeted to professionals, the organization currently hosts six free job seeker events per month at three Valley locations (Mesa, Gilbert and Phoenix). At each event, Career Connectors showcases hiring companies, and offers free services including education workshops, DISC assessments, LinkedIn coaching, community resources, business portraits, and job leads in targeted networking groups.

Founded in 2009 by Jessica Pierce, the first Career Connectors event hosted 25 attendees. In three years, the organization has served over 6,000 job seekers and has been awarded 501c3 non-profit status.

For more information or to register for an upcoming event in the Phoenix area, visit <http://www.careerconnectors.org>. If you would like more information about becoming a corporate partner, please email Jessica at [jessica@careerconnectors.org](mailto:jessica@careerconnectors.org).

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