



## SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization

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### RESOLUTION NO. 2022-05

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA GOVERNMENTS ORGANIZATION TO DEVELOPE A COALITION OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC ENTITIES TO BUILD A BI-NATIONAL WORKFORCE PROGRAM AND DIVERSIFY REGIONAL TALENT POOLS

**WHEREAS**, the SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) has in past and present supported border region development as part of its Economic Development function; and

**WHEREAS**, SEAGO is being encouraged by organizational leaders to provide and or participate in solving workforce challenges for the region's counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the great resignation and its cultural shifts have continued to negatively impact the job market for many private and public entities; and

**WHEREAS**, other counties such as Yuma, have already implemented a similar program which provides an existing model that can be implemented by a collaborative, desirous effort; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bi-National Workforce Program will concentrate on both skilled professionals and workers in industry sectors such as teaching, engineering, construction, nursing, and general labor; and

**WHEREAS**, SEAGO has already received positive feedback on the prospects of such a program from organizations such as Cochise College, SSVEC, KE&G, Canyon Vista Medical Center, Chicanos Por La Causa, Fort Huachuca Contractors and the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, SEAGO's CEDS document guides an effort from SEAGO to support Workforce Development as an Economic Development function; and

**WHEREAS**, this Bi-National Workforce Program will focus predominantly on US citizens, supporting regional population growth

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the SEAGO Executive Board hereby affirms its support for formation of a coalition to develop a Bi-National Workforce Program.

Passed and adopted by the SEAGO Executive Board on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2022.

Arturo Garino,  
Executive Board Chair

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