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Job Training Incentive, Step-Up Programs Help Create 102 New Jobs in December

\$499,118 awarded to businesses expanding in Clovis, Santa Teresa, Santa Fe and Albuquerque

SANTA FE – The Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP) board approved \$499,118 in funds, facilitating the creation of 102 new jobs, for six diverse businesses that are expanding operations in New Mexico at its December meeting.

In addition to the JTIP recipients, Monarch Litho, Inc. of Santa Teresa was awarded \$28,000 in Step Up funds to provide training to upgrade the skills of current employees. Monarch Litho, Inc. is the largest sheet-fed lithographer in the western United States, with operations in California and New Mexico, as well as in Ciudad Juarez, MX.

“Since 1972, New Mexico’s JTIP has funded training for more than 35,000 workers in more than 600 local companies,” said New Mexico Economic Development Assistant Cabinet Secretary Stuart Paisano. “I am proud of the diversity of the companies that have been able to grow their businesses using JTIP, and of the overwhelming success of the program in general.”

December’s JTIP/Step-Up recipients are:

- American Medical Alert Corp. – Clovis – Healthcare communications and monitoring – \$98,605 – supporting 37 new jobs
- Monarch Litho, Inc. – Santa Teresa – Lithography and printing – \$57,041 – supporting 18 new jobs, plus \$28,000 in Step-Up funds, supporting 16 existing employees
- CleanAIR Systems, Inc. – Santa Fe – Development and manufacture of emissions control devices for diesel engines – \$135,262 – supporting 16 new jobs
- Altela, Inc. – Albuquerque – Manufacturer of water purification systems– \$85,486 – supporting 13 new jobs
- Direct Water & Power – Albuquerque – Manufacturer of photovoltaic cells – \$41,408 – supporting 12 new jobs
- Vibrant Corp – Albuquerque – Non-destructive testing (NDT) technology for aerospace industry - \$52,752 – supporting 6 new jobs

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About JTIP

The Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP) reimburses qualified economic-based companies for a significant portion of training costs associated with job creation. It provides for classroom or on-the-job training, reimbursing an expanding or relocating business for 50-80 percent of a trainee's wages for as long as six months. The company must be creating new jobs as a result of expansion, start-up or relocation to New Mexico.

To qualify, new or expanding companies must either create a product in New Mexico, or provide a non-retail service with 50 percent of the company's customer and revenue base outside of the state. The eligible jobs must be full-time and year-round. The trainee must be a new hire to the company and have been a New Mexico resident for at least one continuous year at any time prior to being hired.

About Step-Up

Step Up is a separate program under JTIP which can be used by companies in rural areas to pay for training to enhance the skills of incumbent workers and train them for better, higher-paying positions within the company.

For more information on JTIP, visit www.goNM.biz

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