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New Mexico 9000 Program Announces Four More New Mexico Companies Have Received ISO Certification

SANTA FE, NM – The New Mexico Economic Development Department’s New Mexico 9000 Program today announced that MCT Industries, Inc., Manufacturing Technologies, Inc., and CIC Photonics have achieved ISO 9001:2000 certification. BASIC Dental Implants/Danlin Products has achieved ISO 13485:2003 certification, a designation specifically for medical devices.

ISO certification is a basic requirement for many international and government contracts. New Mexico 9000 is an affordable program that prepares New Mexico companies to attain internationally recognized ISO status. To date, more than 247 New Mexico companies have adopted the ISO 9000 standards. New Mexico 9000 has helped more than 181 New Mexico companies compete in national and international markets, resulting in the creation of more than 900 new expansion jobs in the state.

“New Mexico 9000 is a program unique to our state,” said Senior Program Manager Ken Manicki. “New Mexico is the only state in the country that offers a low-cost ISO certification program to help local companies compete in an increasingly global economy. I want to personally congratulate Ted Martinez, Terry Rogers, and Dale Rakar of MCT Industries; Chuck Bulow and Kip Thompson of Manufacturing Technologies, Inc.; Richard Meyers, Elsa Bonano and Michael Falvey of CIC Photonics; and Dan Blacklock and Paulette Lopez of BASIC Dental on their certification.”

“The New Mexico 9000 Program provides local companies with tools essential to enhancing their businesses for the highly competitive international marketplace,” said Economic Development Department Science and Technology Division Director Stephan Helgesen.

The ISO certification process guides management through their organization’s goals, policies, and procedures and the process by which they are maintained and improved. The system helps both manufacturing and services.

The cost of the New Mexico 9000 program ranges from \$1,000 to \$6,000, based on the business’ gross sales. Fifty percent of the cost is refunded upon completion of the program, and costs incurred in becoming ISO certified are tax deductible. New Mexico 9000 is a five-month program.

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In comparison, cost analysis shows that the average cost of ISO training through private consultants is \$120,000 and can take up to three years to complete.

Upon graduation from the New Mexico 9000 Program, companies become eligible for international ISO 9001:2000 certification.

The New Mexico 9000 won a National award from the Council of State Governments in 2004 as the most innovative state program for economic development.

New Mexico 9000 is a collaborative effort of the New Mexico Economic Development Department, and Honeywell Federal Manufacturing and Technologies.

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