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Job Training Incentive Program awards over \$200 thousand in August

SANTA FE—At the August meeting, the Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP) board approved over \$214 thousand in funds to support the creation of 37 jobs in four New Mexico businesses. All jobs funded through JTIP this month are all related to the expansion of existing businesses in the state.

“New Mexico's job training incentive program continues to provide significant support to new and expanding businesses. Despite economic troubles around the country we are very pleased to announce job creations. I also thank the board and staff for their dedication to the JTIP program,” said acting chair for the JTIP board and Deputy Cabinet Secretary Daniela Glick.

This month's JTIP recipients include:

- **CVI Melles Griot**-Albuquerque-Manufacturing precision optics- \$46,042-creating 5 new jobs
- **Convergys Customer Management Group**-Las Cruces- Customer contact center-\$64,480 creating 15 new jobs
- **Altela**-Albuquerque-Manufacturer of water purification systems-\$68,100- creating 12 new jobs
- **Wildflower International**-Santa Fe –Wholesale distributor of IT products and services -\$35,846-creating 5 new jobs

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.

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 fulltime 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.

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