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State Agencies Join Together to Aid Laguna Industries

New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions (NMDWS) and the Economic Development Department (EDD) began working with Laguna Industries, Inc. (LII), owned and operated by the Pueblo of Laguna, to capitalize on New Mexico's emerging renewable energy industry by shifting their business emphasis from military manufacturing to green energy.

Laguna Industries has been in business since 1984, providing design, manufacturing, integration and support of electro-mechanical systems for military and commercial applications, employing as many as 400 workers. As they proceed with the change of their business model, operations have been scaled down to 58 employees, with current operations to cease by October 2009.

NMDWS has implemented a Rapid Response team to work closely with Laguna Industries' management to coordinate the delivery of services to impacted workers. The dislocated employees will receive assistance and information on services provided by the state, such as: local job openings and job search assistance; Unemployment Insurance Benefit registration; education and training opportunities; and Veteran Services.

In the spring of 2009, the New Mexico Partnership the Economic Development Recruiter for the state held a Professional Recruitment Opportunity Training at Laguna Industries.

As part of the restructuring, Laguna Industries will be leasing 133,066 square feet of office and warehouse space, along with the MATIC facility. The MATIC is a state of the art facility providing test planning, design, data collection/processing and development support for communications and networking systems. The facility is an approved designated U.S. Army experimental site, perfect for the location of Homeland Security programs.

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