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Cabinet Secretary Mondragón Applauds Grant County and Silver City *\$2 million EDA Job Creation Grant Approval*

SANTA FE, NM –New Mexico Economic Development Department (EDD) Cabinet Secretary Fred Mondragón applauds Silver City and Grant County on their \$2 million Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant approval.

This morning at an event held by Senator Bingaman and Congressman Harry Teague, EDA representative Sam Speerman, told the community that the \$2 million grant to renovate the old Wal-Mart building has been officially approved.

“Delivering these funds to the people of Grant County is a critical step in creating new jobs in an area that has been hard hit by the economic slowdown,” said Secretary Mondragón. “The Economic Development Department has made rural economic development a priority, and we are pleased to assist in putting people to work in Southwestern New Mexico.”

Secretary Mondragón and his staff played a central role in helping Grant County and Silver City identify the renovation of an old Wal-mart building as a viable target project. The building, owned by Grant County, will be converted into a multi-purpose site to house potential businesses, as well as provide the community with an event center.

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