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EDD Announces One Year Student Research Opportunity in Japan *Open to all New Mexico Masters, Doctorial and Post-Doctorial Students*

SANTA FE, NM –New Mexico students will have the opportunity to do research in Japan through a program facilitated by the New Mexico Economic Development Department (EDD). The program is aimed at promoting research cooperation between Japan and the United States.

The EDD will select 15 masters, doctoral and post-doctoral students to do research in Japan in the fields of renewable energy, environmental energy, environmentally-related nanotechnology and nanophotonics.

The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Japan and the State of New Mexico signed an agreement that both sides would promote cooperative research and development. As part of this agreement the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) and the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO) of Japan with the cooperation of METI and the State of New Mexico, designed a program that will provide students and trainees from New Mexico an opportunity to conduct research projects in Japan at some of that country's premier research facilities.

Those who are interested in the program may request an application and must submit an application form to:

Danielle Duran, Office of International Trade
New Mexico Economic Development Department
1100 St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

The application deadline is October 23, 2009.

All successful candidates will be given a brief training on Japanese culture by EDD, and the 12 months of overseas research is expected to begin between January and March, 2010.

Program Background: After a "Memorandum on Cooperation in the field of Research, Development & Demonstration" was signed by The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Japan and the State of New Mexico, on May 1, 2009, efforts to coordinate R&D activities began. The National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) and the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO) of Japan (with the cooperation of METI, Japan and the State of New Mexico) agreed to act as host organizations.

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