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NM9000 Program Celebrates Graduating Class of 2009

Program essential for New Mexico's economic growth and business recruitment

SANTA FE, N.M.- The New Mexico Economic Development Department's 2009 New Mexico 9000 (NM9000) program graduating was honored at a luncheon, Wednesday, November 18, at Sandia Resort Hotel. The program trains companies to become certified in International Organization for Standardization (ISO) qualifications, opening the door for New Mexico businesses to bid on government contracts and do business overseas.

"This essential program allows New Mexico companies to compete across the globe," said Fred Mondragón, Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Economic Development Department. "Additionally, New Mexico is the only state that offers this type of program, giving us a decisive edge in recruiting new companies."

ISO is a set of quality management standards dedicated to defining company objectives, improving effectiveness and creating a foundation for consistent excellence. To date, 45 companies have used the NM9000 program to become ISO certified.

NM9000 offers an inexpensive and rapid option to the difficult and time consuming process of companies attempting to achieve ISO certification on their own. The NM9000 program can be completed in as little as six months. In comparison, cost the average cost of ISO training through private consultants is \$120,000 and can take up to three years to complete, while the NM9000 program costs between \$1,000 and \$6,000 and can be completed in six months.

Here are the 2009 NM9000 graduates:

- Bohannon Huston, Inc.
- Eagle Eye Surveillance, LLC
- Innovasic Semiconductor, Inc.
- KTM WWG LLC
- MARPAC
- MIOX Corp.
- Sierra Peaks Corp.
- TEAM Technologies, Inc.
- Tempur-Pedic
- Ultramain Systems, Inc.

NM9000 is a collaborative effort of the New Mexico Economic Development Department and Honeywell Federal Manufacturing and Technologies.

The NM9000 program is already accepting applications for its next class, set to begin February 2010. For more information, please contact Program Manager Ken Manicki at (505) 827-0563 or Kenneth.Manicki@state.nm.us.

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