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Governor Susana Martinez Announces Expansion of Homegrown High-Tech Manufacturing Company

3D Glass Solutions To Create Up To 139 New Jobs

Albuquerque, N.M. – Today, Governor Susana Martinez announced that homegrown high-tech manufacturing company, 3D Glass Solutions (3DGS), will expand their headquarters location in Albuquerque and create up to 139 new high-wage, high-tech manufacturing and technology jobs. The average salary for positions at 3DGS is \$60,000 a year. The company also plans to invest more than \$23 million over the next five years. The expansion is being supported by New Mexico's closing fund, LEDA, as well as the Job Training Incentive Program, JTIP.

"We're proud to see another world-class technology company expand in New Mexico as we continue to grow our thriving science and technology sector," said Governor Martinez. "Since 2011, we've created and expanded economic development tools to help our homegrown companies thrive and the results we are seeing are incredible – homegrown companies are expanding and paying high wages to our talented workforce."

"Accelerating the growth of high-tech businesses through our economic development toolbox is a top priority in diversifying our economy and creating high-wage jobs for our state," said Economic Development Cabinet Secretary Matt Geisel. "The Company's history from NM Tech to world-class technology business shows how our business-friendly reforms drive positive outcomes for our homegrown companies. 3D Glass Solutions is a true economic success story and I am thrilled to see them continue to grow and thrive here in New Mexico."

3DGS has attracted a strong and growing domestic and international customer base, which has drawn foreign investment to the state. Their technology solutions enable a cost-effective, high-volume production of value-added electronic packages and devices which enable the next generation of products in radio-frequency (RF) electronics and photonics used in automotive radar, aerospace & defense, cellular handsets and towers, and integrated circuit (IC) electronics markets.

"We would like to thank Governor Martinez, Secretary Geisel, Bernalillo County, and all of their respective staff for their support as we look to take the next critical step in the expansion of our Company," said Mark Popovich, CEO and President of 3D Glass Solutions. "We are very excited about our new product offerings, our increasing customer order backlog, and the need to expand into a larger manufacturing facility in Albuquerque. Our team looks forward to continue collaborating with the State of New Mexico to create new job opportunities that will significantly benefit our community."

"3D Glass Solutions' announcement today that it is growing in Albuquerque reflects the culture of high-tech innovation that exists in our community," said Roberta Cooper Ramo, Chair of Albuquerque Economic Development, Inc. "3D Glass is investing in local talent and paying high wages, giving New Mexico residents attractive career opportunities. The company plays an important role in advancing our high-tech manufacturing sector, and we look forward to watching its continued success as 3D Glass Solutions expands domestically and internationally."

"Bernalillo County continues to support homegrown business," said Bernalillo County Commissioner Lonnie Talbert. "We remain encouraged that the County Commission will support the LEDA grant and continue its support of the New Mexico tech sector."

Company founder and CTO, Jeb Flemming, is the primary inventor of APEX® Glass and has led the development work associated with 3DGS' innovative glass-ceramics substrates, product development and applications, and manufacturing technologies. Prior to starting 3DGS, he was a member of the technical staff at Sandia National Laboratories. Jeb is a New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology alumnus and he received graduate degrees from the School of Engineering and Anderson School of Management at UNM.

The New Mexico Economic Development Department will invest up to \$2 million in Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) funds in the expansion. Bernalillo County will act as the fiscal agent for the LEDA award. LEDA helps recruit new businesses to our state while helping those already here grow and thrive.

Under the leadership of Governor Martinez, New Mexico has bolstered economic development tools, cut taxes and fees 61 times, and rolled back unnecessary regulations and red tape to create a business-friendly environment in New Mexico. Governor Martinez established the Catalyst Fund, Innovation Vouchers, the SBIR Matching Grant, and the Credit Enhancement Program to help homegrown New Mexico technology startups grow and thrive. As a result of these tools, reforms, and investments, New Mexico continues to recruit global and national companies like Facebook, Keter Plastic, Safelite, Netflix and others, while helping homegrown businesses like Descartes Labs, UbiQD, RS21, Indica Labs and others grow and thrive as well.

ABOUT 3D GLASS SOLUTIONS

3D Glass Solutions (3DGS) is a world-class expert on the fabrication of electronic packages and devices using photo-definable glass-ceramics. They manufacture a wide variety of glass-based system-in Package (SiP) devices and components using their patented low-loss photosensitive APEX® Glass technology for applications in radio-frequency (RF) electronics and photonics used in automotive radar, integrated circuit (IC) electronics, medical, aerospace, defense, wireless infrastructure, mobile handset, and Internet of Things (IOT) industries. They offer high precision products with exceptional high frequency and low loss properties.

3DGS' glass-based RF products can be combined into any number of designs or devices to create incredibly unique and valuable SiP products. They have created foundational patent positions related to all photosensitive glass-ceramic materials and devices and they own the fundamental intellectual property for all four positions (materials, design, systems & manufacturing) related to glass-ceramic devices for the electronics packaging industry. They leverage their unique product solutions providing device manufacturing and systems integration services for several standard and custom products. To learn more about 3DGS, visit www.3DGlassSolutions.com.

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