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## **Four New Mexico Small Businesses Complete ISO 9000 Training**

*ISO Certification Promotes Quality Management Standards, Allowing Businesses to Compete for Contracts with Large Companies and National and International Governments*

**SANTA FE** - The New Mexico Economic Development Department, in collaboration with the New Mexico Manufacturing Extension Partnership, awarded the most recent class their certificate of completion for the New Mexico ISO 9000 training program. Deputy Cabinet Secretary Barbara Brazil presented the individuals and companies who completed the training with their certificates during a certification presentation last Friday.

"New Mexico 9000 is a great tool to help these small businesses become ISO 9001 certified at a much discounted rate for the businesses," said Economic Development Secretary Jon Barela. "It's a wonderful resource that will not only help companies get certified, but will also help to foster export growth in New Mexico."

### **September 2013 Class:**

Allan Knighten, Prescient 360, Inc.  
Victorya Fernandez, MPC Design Technologies, Inc.  
Joseph Zambrano, MPC Design Technologies, Inc.  
Timothy Lopez, MPC Design Technologies, Inc.  
Patrick McGuirk, PnP Innovations  
Monica Muñoz, Basic Dental Systems, Inc.  
Jared Black, Basic Dental Systems, Inc.

ISO certification is a lengthy, expensive process which is why the New Mexico Economic Development Department offers the New Mexico ISO 9000 training program on a sliding scale based on gross receipts and a completion time of as little as four months, with the participants setting the pace. Businesses that complete the ISO certification process on their own can incur costs of up to \$120,000 and take up to three years to complete.

The New Mexico ISO 9000 program was created by the New Mexico Economic Development Department to provide training which helps companies in their ISO registration efforts. The New Mexico

ISO 9000 training class helps New Mexico businesses develop skills in preparation for ISO 9001:2008 certification, a quality management standard recognized by most major companies and more than 170 countries and governments in the United States, Mexico, Canada, Europe and Asia of its suppliers. For more information about New Mexico ISO 9000 contact Special Projects Manager Carlos Beserra at 505-827-0230 or visit [www.goNM.biz](http://www.goNM.biz).

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