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## **Governor Susana Martinez Announces 200 New Jobs in Las Cruces, Expansion of Convergys**

*New Positions Come on the Heels of New Mexico's 31st Straight Month of Over-the-Year Job Growth*

**Las Cruces, NM** - Today, Governor Susana Martinez announced that Convergys, Inc. will expand in Las Cruces, creating 200 new jobs. Convergys will receive \$181,250 in Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP) funds to hire and train these new employees.

"JTIP is a critical resource to creating jobs for our families and communities," Governor Martinez said. "I'm proud that it continues to show results like these, which will help us continue our momentum in diversifying our economy."

JTIP funds up to 6 months of training for newly created New Mexico jobs. Governor Martinez recently signed into law the Fiscal Year 2016 state budget, which puts more than \$7 million into JTIP to help businesses hire more New Mexicans.

This announcement comes on the heels of recent news showing New Mexico's 31st consecutive month of over-the-year employment growth. New Mexico continues to see encouraging economic news recently. The state has created nearly 16,000 jobs in the last year, with New Mexico now ranked as the 18th fastest growing private sector in the nation.

"I am proud of the work that went into making the JTIP program more robust to help more businesses hire and train workers," said New Mexico Economic Development Secretary Barela. "I am also happy to report that the work by the New Mexico Economic Development Department and Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance to make the JTIP program more flexible, allows business like Convergys to receive JTIP."

"We're proud to be doing business in New Mexico," said Convergys Las Cruces Site Director Alan Baker. "Thanks to the help of Governor Martinez and Secretary Barela through a valuable program like JTIP, we're able to grow and hire more New Mexicans, and we're proud to be partners in diversifying the economy."

Convergys Customer Care Management Group Inc. is a subsidiary of Convergys Corporation, headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio. Companies around the country contract with Convergys to provide customer care solutions. The company currently has 150 service center operations and 125,000 employees providing customer support in 47 different languages worldwide.

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