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## **Governor Susana Martinez Announces 250 New Jobs In Rio Rancho**

*Announcement Comes Weeks After Same Company Added 200 Jobs in Las Cruces*

**Rio Rancho, NM** - Governor Susana Martinez announced today that customer support company Convergys will expand its Rio Rancho operations and, as a result, add 250 new jobs. The announcement comes on the heels of the same company adding 200 jobs in Las Cruces.

"Convergys is a well-respected company with a global presence that could have chosen anywhere in the world to do business. And they chose New Mexico," said Governor Susana Martinez. "I'm proud to add Convergys to a growing list of companies that are joining us in diversifying our economy and creating more jobs for our families."

Convergys is an international customer support company. In April, Governor Martinez and Convergys announced 200 new jobs in Las Cruces. Economic Development Secretary Jon Barela, Rio Rancho Mayor Gregg Hull, representatives of the Sandoval Economic Alliance, and executives from Convergys joined Governor Martinez for today's announcement.

"We appreciate the support of leaders in New Mexico like Governor Martinez, Secretary Barela, and Mayor Hull, who have provided a welcome mat for job creators and a business-friendly environment for companies like ours to grow and thrive," said Bill Williams, senior director of operations for Convergys. "We are thrilled to be expanding again in New Mexico and creating good jobs with great benefits."

Today's announcement comes just days after recent jobs report data showed New Mexico completing its 32nd consecutive month of over-the-year employment growth. The state has created nearly 10,000 or more jobs every month for the last six months, with an average monthly gain of 12,400 jobs. The U.S. Department of Commerce also recently announced that New Mexico leads the nation in export-related job growth. This came on the heels of data showing New Mexico set yet another all-time high in total export growth in 2014, at nearly \$4 billion, and nearly doubled exports to Mexico in just one year.

This data is the result of Governor Martinez's efforts to make New Mexico more competitive and business friendly by diversifying the economy and growing the private sector. Knocking down barriers has been critical to these efforts. Among other important reforms, Governor Martinez has cut taxes 24 times, reduced New Mexico's business tax by 22 percent, curbed "tax pyramiding," and instituted a single-sales factor for manufacturers.

"Central New Mexico's economy continues to attract new investments to the state that create vital economic-base jobs," said Secretary Barela. "We are continuing the momentum that recent jobs numbers show regarding New Mexico's growing 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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