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Job Training Incentive Program Awards Seven Companies \$355,154 in February to Create 132 Jobs

Santa Fe, NM - The New Mexico Economic Development Department's (NMEDD) Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP) board approved \$355,154 in funding for seven companies to create 132 jobs in February.

"JTIP has a direct impact in growing New Mexico's workforce," said Economic Development Secretary Jon Barela. "Assisting large and small companies alike through JTIP means companies are expanding their workforce while strengthening New Mexico's private sector at the same time."

February's JTIP recipients were:

3D Glass Solutions, Inc., Albuquerque - 3D Glass Solutions is a glass foundry for glass-based electronic packaging and micro components and bio-arrays utilizing their patented APEX® Glass material. **4 jobs, \$83,505.28**

Compass Components, Inc., Deming - Compass Components is a privately held manufacturing services and distribution company providing custom electromechanical contract manufacturing and assembly, design and engineering, cable and harness assembly, and integration services. **18 jobs, \$77,638.72**

Sitel Operating Corporation, Las Cruces - Sitel Operating Corporation is a leading global outsourcing service provider. Sitel interacts with customers on behalf of some of the largest brands in the world; to answer questions, fix product issues, activate service, make reservations, or resolve billing concerns. **95 jobs, \$74,188**

Whoo's Donuts, Santa Fe - Whoo's Donuts was first established in 2011 as a DBA under its parent company, The ChocolateSmith, in Santa Fe. Recently Whoo's Donuts has entered into a much broader multi-state market, securing a contract with Whole Foods Western Division to supply frozen donuts to 34 stores. **10 jobs, \$47,400**

Drone U, Albuquerque - Drone U is a company focused on educating drone users of all skill sets from brand new beginner drone pilots, to seasoned and professional pilots who are making their living flying drones. **1 job, \$9,880**

Caveman Coffee Company, Albuquerque - Caveman Coffee Company, in partnership with Villa Myriam, a specialty coffee roaster that owns its family farm and imports their beans from Columbia, provides coffee products that are grown under the UTZ certification and Rainforest Alliance protocols.

The coffee beans are hand-picked, wet processed and small batch roasted by a master coffee roaster in Albuquerque. In addition to coffee beans, Caveman Coffee offers 100% coconut MCT oil (a refined coconut oil), green tea, apparel and brewing products. **2 jobs, \$5,200**

Sigma Labs, Inc., Santa Fe - Sigma Labs develops and engineers advanced, in-process, quality assurance (IPOA) which is a real time inspection technology that allows 3D printed performance critical metal parts to be made and inspected in one step as opposed to numerous steps. **2 jobs, \$57,342**

The Job Training Incentive Program reimburses qualified economic-base companies for a portion of training costs associated with job creation. The program provides for classroom or on-the-job training, reimbursing an expanding or relocating business for up to 75 percent of a trainee's wages for as long as six months. The amount of the award depends on the number and complexity of jobs, the wages paid, and the business location.

To qualify, new or expanding companies must either create a product in New Mexico, or provide a nonretail service with 50 percent of the company's customer or revenue base outside of the state. The eligible jobs must be full-time and year-round. The trainee must be a new hire to the company and have been a New Mexico resident for at least one year at any time prior to being hired. For more information on JTIP, visit www.goNM.biz.

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