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Job Training Incentive Program Awards Six Companies \$399,721.52 to Create 24 New Jobs and Step-Up Training for 24 Current Workers

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Development Department’s Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP) Board approved \$399,721.52 in funding at its December meeting for 24 new jobs and Step-Up training for 24 current employees in New Mexico to receive new skills. The funding was awarded to seven companies with an average wage of \$23.30 for the newly-created jobs. The next board meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 10, 2014.

“JTIP and Step-Up provide companies the opportunity to train New Mexico workers, whether currently employed or new hires, for newly created, well-paying positions,” said Economic Development Secretary Jon Barela. “Investing in our workforces through JTIP is a wonderful tool for economic development and for New Mexicans.”

December’s JTIP recipients are:

Southwest Steel Coil, Inc., Santa Teresa – Formed in 2000 in Santa Teresa, Southwest Steel Coil, Inc., is a subsidiary of Calstrip Industries and serves as a regional metal service center. Southwest Steel Coil provides commercial and forming steels in custom sizes, with approximately 85 to 90 percent of its processed metal being exported to manufacturing sites in Ciudad Juarez. Southwest Steel Coil was recently selected as Exporter of the Year for the region, which includes Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas and New Mexico. **\$53,500.00 - Step-Up training, 21 employees**

Titan Aerospace Holdings, Inc., Moriarty – Titan Aerospace Holdings was formed in March 2012 and is a privately held Delaware corporation. Titan has developed a unique solar-powered high altitude long endurance Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) called the “Solara”. The Solara 50 is a high-altitude aircraft capable of flying above 60,000 feet and staying aloft for several years. Thousands of high-efficiency solar cells power the aircraft and charge the battery banks during the day for use at night. **\$189,035.00 – 11 jobs**

Dynamic Systems & Research Corporation (DSR), Albuquerque – Founded in 2008 by Dr. Danny Frew, DSR produces highly specialized test devices and test equipment, primarily for government agencies and their contractors. DSR strives to provide world class technical solutions to its customers, which include The Army Core of Engineers, The Defense Threat Reduction Agency, The National

Institute of Science and Technology, Applied Research Associates, Sandia National Laboratories and Aviation and Missile Solutions in Huntsville, AL. **\$ 3,943.50 – Step-Up training, 3 employees**

First Research Science and Technology, Inc. (FRST, Inc.), Alamogordo – FRST, Inc. was founded in 2012 and designs and manufactures autonomous unmanned system solutions for the Department of Defense and commercial applications with a focus on the integration of platforms in the ground, air, and maritime domains to solve requirements for logistics, security, force protection, fire-fighting, and hazardous material operations. **\$46,020.00 – 1 job**

Ultramain Systems, Inc. (USI), Albuquerque – Was founded in Albuquerque in 1980 and is a veteran owned software development company specializing in maintenance and aviation software. USI is comprised of two product divisions: ULTRAMAIN MRO software and ULTRAMAIN Onboard Systems software. The company's flagship product, ULTRAMAIN®, is an asset maintenance and integrated logistics software and was first released in 1985.

\$93,368.00 - 8 Jobs, 2 interns

Cummins Natural Gas Engines (CNGE), Clovis – Cummins Natural Gas Engines is a wholly owned subsidiary of Cummins, Inc. and has been operating in Clovis, NM for 40 years. In 1987 the company was purchased from a Cummins distributor and has grown to 43 employees. The facility in Clovis is an engineering and upfit center that assembles natural gas and propane engines from components from other Cummins facilities worldwide. The engines range from 49 to 1334 horsepower and are used industrial and power generation applications worldwide. **\$13,855.02 – 2 jobs**

About JTIP

The Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP) reimburses qualified economic-based 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 non-retail 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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