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## **Job Training Incentive Program Awards Eight Companies \$3,200,305 to Create 716 jobs in January**

**Santa Fe** - The New Mexico Economic Development Department's Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP) board approved \$3,200,305 in funding at its January board meeting to eight companies that will create 716 jobs in New Mexico, averaging a wage of \$18.96. The next JTIP board meeting will be April 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Central New Mexico Community College Workforce Training Center located at 5600 Eagle Rock Ave. NE in Albuquerque.

"It is a good sign for New Mexico's economy that companies from a wide-range of industries are utilizing JTIP to help create quality positions for New Mexicans," said Economic Development Secretary Jon Barela. "JTIP continues to be an essential economic implement for companies to expand their workforce and to create well-paying jobs in New Mexico."

January JTIP Recipients:

**Vitality Works, Inc., Albuquerque** - Vitality Works is a liquid herbal extract company manufacturing and selling the highest quality natural health products to approximately 600 customers representing healthcare practitioners, health food stores, natural food traders, internet marketers and to multi-level marketing companies both domestically and internationally. **7 Jobs \$74,815**

**RIEtech Global, LLC, Albuquerque** - RIEtech Global, LLC, was initially launched as Sagebrush Technology in Albuquerque in 1991. Rich Engstrom, a local entrepreneur and engineer acquired the company in 2009 and renamed it RIEtech Global, LLC. Since the acquisition, the company has assembled a strong engineering team with diverse capabilities and is in the process of evolving from a component developer to a more full service manufacturer of integrated motion control systems. **12 Jobs, \$356,449**

**Vibrantcy, LLC, Albuquerque** - Vibrantcy, LLC is an energy analysis and solutions start-up. The company's core offerings include building performance analysis, energy management, and building optimization. Currently, the company is developing two web-based application software platforms for energy analysis, master planning, optimization, and automated benchmarking. **5 jobs, \$91,137**

**National Water Services, Inc., Santa Fe** - National Water Services manufactures, installs and services FreshPure Waters™ purified water vending systems in 37 states nationally and in Canada. The company operates in the retail grocery trade, marketing primarily to large, natural & organic food retailers. Primary customers are Whole Foods Market, Earth Fare Markets and an ever widening selection of natural food co-ops and independent grocers. **1 job \$9,694**

**ComboTrip, LLC, Albuquerque** - ComboTrip is a technology startup providing a comprehensive online travel planning platform with all the features required to create a group travel itinerary for

leisure or business travel. The company's proprietary software tool, Planit, allows members of the group to login to an online interface to create and coordinate travel plans including airfare, transportation, lodging, and organized activities in an efficient and personalized manner. **2 jobs, \$10,534**

**Certoplast NA, Inc., Las Cruces** - Certoplast NA, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Certoplast Vorwerk & Sohn GMBH, and is gearing up to begin operations in Las Cruces, NM in Q1 2015. Certoplast Vorwerk & Sohn is located in Germany and manufactures specialty adhesive tapes for the automotive industry. **7 jobs, \$30,378**

**Fidelity Employer Services Company, LLC, Albuquerque** - Since 1946, Fidelity Investments has been an industry pioneer and an acknowledged leader and has grown into one of the largest financial services companies in the world. Fidelity offers investment management, retirement planning, portfolio guidance, brokerage, benefits outsourcing and other financial products and services to more than 20 million individuals and institutions, as well as through 5,000 financial intermediary firms. The majority of the positions at Fidelity's Albuquerque site are in the areas of customer and client service to support health and welfare, defined benefit, and other HR services that Fidelity delivers to their clients. **232 jobs, \$1,387,575**

**Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC, Albuquerque** - Comcast is one of the nation's leading providers of communications, entertainment and cable products and services. Comcast strives to provide the highest level of customer service to its commercial and private customers and is constantly improving its technology to meet the growing needs of the expanding customer base. Comcast is expanding Customer Service operations, particularly in the bilingual market. The company has selected Albuquerque to locate its newest Customer Support Center with a focus to serve its bilingual customers. **450 jobs, \$1,239,723**

The Job Training Incentive Program 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](http://www.goNM.biz).

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