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Job Training Incentive Program Awards Six Companies \$808,454.24 in January to Create 180 Jobs

Santa Fe, NM - The New Mexico Economic Development Department's (NMEDD) Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP) board approved \$808,454.24 in funding for six companies to create 180 jobs in January.

"Workforce development is key to growing our economy, and JTIP helps hire and train more New Mexico workers," said Economic Development Secretary Jon Barela. "This resource also continues to help diversify New Mexico's economy by allowing more companies to expand, strengthening our private sector."

January's JTIP recipients were:

Lavu, Inc., Albuquerque - Lavu, Inc. is a home-grown New Mexico company, founded in 2010. The company sells Lavu iPad POS, proprietary point-of-sale software to restaurants to conduct their business on tablets, smartphones and other mobile devices. **20 Jobs, \$217,896**

Comcast Cable Communications Management LLC, Albuquerque - Comcast is one of the nation's leading providers of communications, entertainment and cable products and services. Comcast operates a bilingual customer support center in Albuquerque. **145 jobs, \$374,709.20**

Affordable Solar Installation, Albuquerque - Affordable Solar Installation, headquartered in Albuquerque, provides distributed generation, commercial, government and utility-scale solar installations throughout the U.S. **1 job, \$13,480**

Sigma Labs, Inc., Santa Fe - Sigma Labs, Inc. develops, engineers and commercializes manufacturing and materials technologies. The company offers an advanced, in-process quality assurance suite of technologies and materials-related, non-destructive quality inspection systems for the 3D printing, metal-based additive manufacturing and other advanced manufacturing technologies. **1 job, \$22,450**

IntelliCyt Corporation, Albuquerque - IntelliCyt Corporation is a life sciences technology company that develops, manufactures, sells and supports innovative cell-based screening products for life sciences research and drug discovery. The company's initial products are based on technology licensed from the University of New Mexico. **5 jobs, \$86,991.04**

The Kentah Group, Inc., Albuquerque - The Kentah Group is an IT outsourcing specialist, delivering IT infrastructure and support. The company's IT Service Management framework provides the foundation for delivering the most cost-effective IT consulting, integration and outsourcing services. **8 jobs, \$92,928**

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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