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LFC Economist named Deputy Cabinet Secretary

Santa Fe, N.M. – Cabinet Secretary Alicia J. Keyes of the New Mexico Economic Development Department announced Wednesday that state economist [Jon Clark](#) will serve as Deputy Cabinet Secretary.

Clark has been with the Legislative Finance Committee since 2012 and has been instrumental in analyzing state revenue trends, tax changes and investments. He has also served as a business development manager and helped bring new jobs to the state with the New Mexico Partnership.

Keyes said Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham is working on strategic investments to diversify the economy and Clark's expertise is more important than ever as the state looks to make decisions based on hard data.

"We promised to grow the economy and invest in areas that will bring good jobs to the state," said Keyes. "Jon has the expertise to make sure we proceed wisely and get the best return for our tax dollars."

"I look forward to working with Secretary Keyes and the EDD team to focus on business recruitment, retention, and expansion in target industries," said Clark. "I will also work to expand the agency's existing coordination with other state and local organizations and increase reporting and accountability for economic development programs."

While at LFC, he also served for four years as staff co-chair of the Labor and Economic Development Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures, and he worked with legislators and legislative staff across the country on economic development issues and analysis of incentive programs.

Prior to his work at LFC, Clark was at the New Mexico Partnership for five and a half years, recruiting businesses to the state. Before that, he worked with local entrepreneurs and with Sandia National Laboratories and Los Alamos National Laboratory to spin-off technologies developed by scientists.

Clark is a native of Albuquerque and has a Master's of Business Administration from the University of New Mexico Anderson School of Management.

He will assume the position April 15.

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