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New Mexico Economic Development Department Receives Re-accreditation to Manage the New Mexico MainStreet Program

Santa Fe, NM - The New Mexico Economic Development Department has been re-accredited and licensed by Main Street America™ to support the New Mexico MainStreet Program for 2016. New Mexico MainStreet works to provide participating local Main Street programs with technical assistance, resources, and networking opportunities to support revitalization and redevelopment in traditional and historic downtown districts throughout the state.

"New Mexico MainStreet has again received national recognition for its innovative and high-performance program rooted in asset-based economic development," said Economic Development Cabinet Secretary Jon Barela. "The re-accreditation of New Mexico MainStreet in 2016 will support job creation, revitalization of traditional town centers, and leverage public and private resources for economic development in MainStreet communities."

New Mexico MainStreet is part of a network of statewide, regional, or citywide organizations that work in partnership with the National Main Street Center® to support the preservation and revitalization of the older and historic commercial core of communities. New Mexico MainStreet has partnered with the National Main Street Center® since 1985 to stimulate the revitalization of communities in New Mexico. Celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2015, New Mexico MainStreet has supported 12,373 Net New Jobs, 3,440 Net New Businesses, 3415 Building Rehabilitations, and \$292,218,586 in private reinvestments.

"New Mexico MainStreet has been serving our traditional and historic neighborhood commercial districts, historic commercial plazas, courthouse squares and town centers for more than 30 years," said New Mexico MainStreet Director Rich Williams. "We are pleased that the state program has been re-accredited so that we may continue to provide timely technical assistance, services and resources to local affiliates which result in direct economic impact."

Main Street America™ re-accredited the program based on its demonstrated leadership in the state; effective work with local programs; demonstrated Historic Preservation Ethic; professional staff; and serving as a liaison with the National Main Street Center. New Mexico MainStreet was required to provide adequate and stable funding to meet minimum designation requirements outlined by the National Main Street Center.

A program of the New Mexico Economic Development Department, New Mexico MainStreet works throughout the state to help affiliated local organizations create an economically viable business environment which leverages private sector reinvestment in properties and businesses while preserving cultural and historic resources. New Mexico MainStreet currently serves 27 affiliated MainStreet Districts, eight state-authorized Arts & Cultural Districts, 14 Frontier Community projects, and six Historic Theater Initiatives. For more information about New Mexico MainStreet, visit www.goNM.biz or nmmainstreet.org.

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