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New Mexico 9000 Program Now Registering Businesses for September 13 Classes *Partial funding available for qualified companies*

SANTA FE - The New Mexico Economic Development Department, in collaboration with the New Mexico Manufacturing Extension Partnership, is offering the New Mexico 9000 training classes to prepare New Mexico businesses to register for ISO 9001 certification. The first class is scheduled to begin on September 13, 2013 at the New Mexico State University Albuquerque branch, 4501 Indian School Rd. NE.

"This program will help New Mexico companies become more competitive both locally and internationally which will lead to increased revenues and job growth," said Economic Development Secretary Jon Barela. "The program also provides a system for companies to use in building more efficient business procedures."

New Mexico 9000 was created by the Economic Development Department to provide training and assistance to New Mexico businesses in preparing for ISO 9001:2008. Training will be broken into six half-day sessions over a 3 to 6 month period.

Funding opportunities are available for qualified companies. Qualifying companies can be reimbursed up to 50 percent of the of the class fees through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). The New Mexico 9000 training program has been completed by 165 companies, creating over 1,000 new expansion jobs.

Trained professionals will conduct ISO 9001:2008 classes in:

- Internal Auditing
- Writing Standard Operating Procedures
- Writing Work Instructions
- Understanding the Standard

ISO is a general Quality Management System. Companies like Intel, Boeing and many other large organizations require that their first tier suppliers be ISO 9001 certified. In turn, those suppliers require that their suppliers are ISO 9000 certified. Also, government agencies such as the Department of Defense, NASA and NNSA require ISO certification of their providers.

ISO 9000 standards have been adopted by 178 countries. There are now more than 1 million companies worldwide that have registered to the ISO standards. Costs associated with obtaining, maintaining and

renewing ISO registration are tax deductible. Registration fees for New Mexico 9000 range from \$550 to \$3,300 depending on annual company sales revenue.

For more information on the NM 9000 program, registration or eligibility for registration, contact Carlos Beserra with the New Mexico Economic Development Department at (505) 827-0230 or carlosj.beserra@state.nm.us or visit <http://nm9000.org/> For more information on funding through the Workforce Investment Act contact, Gayle Romeo at (505) 843-1905 or gromeo@wccnm.org

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