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New Mexico Economic Development Department's Office of International Trade Recruiting Companies for South American Trade Mission

Santa Fe - The New Mexico Economic Development Department's Office of International Trade is currently recruiting New Mexico companies to participate in the Trade Winds Americas Forum and matchmaking trade mission. Participating companies will be able to meet with key distribution partners in their choice between Ecuador and Panama from May 15-17, 2014 followed by the forum and matchmaking in Colombia from May 17-21, 2014 and ending with their choice between Chile or Peru from May 21-23, 2014.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for New Mexico companies to network with top industry and government officials in key South American markets," said Economic Development Secretary Jon Barela. "Trade between the U.S. and these South American markets are booming and this forum will allow participants to gain some key advantages to doing business in these regions."

Participants may choose to participate in any one market or all three markets for matchmaker meetings. The trade forum in Bogota, Colombia will allow participants to meet the senior commercial officers from throughout the South American market region.

Companies wishing to participate must be a certified small business in New Mexico with at least one year operating history and currently operating at a profit. The participation fee will be paid on behalf of the companies accepted, but airfare, meals and lodging expenses will be each companies own responsibility.

Interested companies must sign up by March 15, 2014. For additional information regarding participation please contact Edward R. Herrera, Office of International Trade Email: Edward.Herrera@state.nm.us or by phone at **505-827-0315**.

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