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Job Training Incentive Program Awards Seven Companies \$1,659,391.43 in October to Create 360 Jobs

Santa Fe, NM – The New Mexico Economic Development Department's Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP) Board approved \$1,659,391.43 in funding for seven companies to create 360 jobs in October. The next JTIP meeting will be Friday, November 20 at 9 a.m. in the Joseph M. Montoya Bid Room located at 1100 S. St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM.

"JTIP is a proven job creator, helping New Mexico businesses grow their workforce," said Economic Development Secretary Jon Barela. "I'm happy to see companies continuing to use this program to add wonderful results by creating new jobs for New Mexico's families."

October's recipients were:

Framo Morat, Inc., Albuquerque - Framo Morat is a leading European manufacturer of gearing technology, drive systems, custom injection molding of specialty plastics and plastic assemblies. The company provides customized solutions in numerous markets to include: solar power, durable medical equipment, industrial handling, building architecture, food and beverage, semiconductor, robotics and automotive. **1 job, \$21,210.19**

NM Food Distributors, Inc., Albuquerque - New Mexico Food Distributors, Inc. is a food manufacturer specializing in New Mexican foods. The company was started as a commissary for its sister companies that operate the Little Anita's, Los Cuates, Fiestas and Milly's restaurants in the Albuquerque area, but has grown to provide products to distributors in the Southwestern United States such as Sysco, Labatt, Ben E. Keith and US Foods. **32 jobs, \$51,480**

Private Label Select Ltd. Co., Taos - Private Label Select is a privately owned manufacturing and product development facility located in Taos, manufacturing natural and organic cosmetics and personal care products, SPF and tinted lip care, lip glosses and organic skin care products for women and children. **10 jobs, \$27,880**

Vibrant Corporation, Albuquerque - Vibrant Corporation provides non-destructive testing serving component manufacturers and maintenance, repair, and overhaul companies. **5 jobs, \$148,529.32**

Flagship Food Group North America, Albuquerque - Flagship Food Group is a global, diversified consumer food manufacturer. The company features ten different brands in over 30,000 retail grocery, club, mass merchant and dollar outlets throughout the U.S. Flagship sells a wide range of food products, both branded and private label, ranging from frozen entrees & appetizers to ready meals to sauces & salsas to fruits & vegetables. **94 jobs, \$153,704.96**

The Kentah Group, Inc., Albuquerque - The Kentah Group is an IT outsourcing specialist, delivering IT infrastructure and support that transforms the way clients perform IT. Kentah offers a broad range of services and products to their large science and engineering and healthcare clients to address their most complex and critical technology-related needs such as: IT strategic planning, cloud strategy, virtualization, ICD-10 conversion, enterprise energy management and sustainability and IT security. **51 jobs, 2 interns, \$837,855.60**

S&P Data New Mexico, LLC, Rio Rancho - S&P Data LLC company provides inbound outsourcing sales and service solutions for Fortune 500® companies such as American Express, McDonald's, Mercedes-Benz, Sprint and UPS. **167 jobs, \$418,731.36**

The Job Training Incentive Program reimburses qualified economic-based 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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