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Governor Susana Martinez Announces 45 New High-Tech Jobs in Las Cruces

LAS CRUCES, N.M. - Today, Governor Susana Martinez announced that X2NSAT, a satellite communications company, will expand their business to Las Cruces, creating up to 45 new high-tech jobs over the next several years. This announcement comes on the heels of Governor Martinez announcing that Facebook has chosen New Mexico for its new high-tech data center.

"I'm proud to welcome yet another high-tech company to our state, which will create dozens of good, high-tech jobs and contribute to our efforts to grow our private sector and lessen our reliance on the federal government," said Governor Martinez. "When we create a business friendly environment and level the playing field with neighboring states, we can compete with any state in the country."

X2nSat operates in California and Georgia, with their newest expansion in New Mexico. The company provides wireless network, satellite, and other remote communication solutions to clients in various industries, including energy production, maritime shipping, and others.

"X2NSAT is the kind of company New Mexico needs," said Economic Development Secretary Matt Geisel. "X2NSAT increases high-tech investment in New Mexico and brings good, economic-base jobs to our state."

The Economic Development Department will contribute \$300,000 in LEDA funds toward the construction of a satellite gateway, an operations center, and logistics facility. LEDA is New Mexico's closing fund, a tool that recruits new businesses to the state while helping those that are already here grow and thrive. Nearly zeroed out when Governor Martinez took office, she fought to grow this important tool to more than \$56 million.

"We looked at a lot states before choosing New Mexico, and we couldn't be any happier about our decision. Not only does New Mexico have a strong workforce - it's a business friendly state that can compete with the best of them," said Garrett Hill, CEO of X2NSAT. "I thank Governor Martinez and her economic development team for their reforms and their incentives, which ultimately led to our decision to choose this state. We look forward to working with the City of Las Cruces and moving forward with the construction of our new facility in the West Mesa Industrial Park."

X2NSAT will hire network analysts, technical support staff, and facility management. They will offer salaries up to \$100,000 and will also provide 100% healthcare coverage for all full time employees.

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"X2NSat is another example of the City of Las Cruces' efforts to attract technology-centric companies to the area, fostering higher-skilled employment opportunities," said Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima. "We welcome them as an addition to our growing West Mesa Industrial Park."

The New Mexico Economic Development Department is also working with X2NSAT to assist them in applying for Job Training Incentive Program funding, which helps companies hire and train more New Mexicans as they grow. New Mexico's JTIP has been recognized as one of the most successful in the country.

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