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Join New Mexico's Infrastructure Finance Experts at the 19th Annual New Mexico Infrastructure Finance Conference

Santa Fe - The 19th annual New Mexico Infrastructure Finance Conference (NMIFC) will take place October 28-30 at Buffalo Thunder Resort in Pojoaque. NMIFC offers local entities and individuals the opportunity to meet with key funding agency contacts, designers, architects and engineers that can answer questions and provide guidance as they bring their capital projects to reality. Conference participants include up to 400 local municipalities, government planners, legislators, federal agencies, special districts, school districts, tribes and pueblos, private organizations and New Mexico businesses. The theme of this year's conference is "Building a Sustainable Foundation for Our Future."

"Governor Susana Martinez has called for strategic use of capital outlay dollars and greater coordination between funding agencies for infrastructure projects therefore this this event is a great opportunity for local government, organizations and New Mexico businesses to gather, target and fund specific infrastructure needs," said Economic Development Department Secretary Jon Barela. "This conference allows the opportunity for these entities to identify the state's available resources that build up our infrastructure."

Last Legislative Session, Governor Susana Martinez signed into law \$86 million for water infrastructure upgrades. Governor Martinez has also called for capital outlay reform to help fund large-scale infrastructure projects that will stimulate economic development, grow jobs and improve quality of life for New Mexico residents. The Economic Development Department's five-year plan includes helping communities, especially rural communities, receive the funding they need for infrastructure development, from start to completion.

New Mexico Lieutenant Governor John Sanchez will serve as this year's keynote speaker. To view the full conference agenda listing this year's speakers visit <http://www.ifc.state.nm.us/index.php/2013-program>.

For more information about the 19th Annual New Mexico Infrastructure Finance Conference, awards, accommodations, and to register visit <http://www.ifc.state.nm.us/>. Registration deadline is October 21.

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