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Governor Susana Martinez, Santa Fe County and the City of Santa Fe Announce Santa Fe Brewing Co. Expanding, Creating 105 New Jobs in Santa Fe

Santa Fe Brewing Announcement Follows Los Lunas and Farmington Small Business Expansions, on Heels of California, Turkey and German Manufacturers Relocations

Santa Fe - Today, Governor Susana Martinez joined local and county officials to announce that Santa Fe Brewing Company, New Mexico's oldest and largest craft brewery, will expand in Santa Fe and create 105 new jobs. Santa Fe Brewing brews, cans and bottles beer on site and distributes throughout a nine-state region in the southern and western U.S. The expansion will increase production capacity ten times and help the company enter new national and international markets. Santa Fe Brewing Co. currently exports between 30 to 40 percent of its product outside New Mexico.

"Santa Fe Brewing is more than just a local brewer but a brand that goes beyond our state through its exports," said Gov. Martinez. "We are thrilled to help Santa Fe Brewing Company grow into new markets and expand its reach, bringing new dollars into New Mexico with a profound multiplier effect."

This announcement follows last week's announcements of a Los Lunas family manufacturing company, Accurate's, 250 employee expansion and PESCO, a Farmington family service and manufacturer's, expansion of 150 employees.

Yearly salaries for new positions at Santa Fe Brewing will range from \$32,000 to \$80,000 in addition to bonuses and benefits.

In recent months, manufacturers from as far away as Germany and Turkey, and as close as California, have moved their operations into New Mexico, citing recent tax reforms and New Mexico's status as an increasingly competitive state for business as reasons for their investment in our state.

New Mexico Economic Development Department Cabinet Secretary Jon Barela, as well as Santa Fe County, the City of Santa Fe, the Regional Economic Development Corporation and Brian Lock, president of Santa Fe Brewing Co. joined Governor Martinez for the announcement.

"We could not be more excited about the support we received from Gov. Susana Martinez, Sec. Jon Barela, Santa Fe County and the City of Santa Fe for our expansion and our continued success," said Brian Lock. "Craft brewing is a fast-growing industry across the U.S. and we want New Mexico to be a leader in providing the best microbrews and hops."

The New Mexico Economy Development Department will contribute Local Economic Development Act funds and Santa Fe County also hopes to contribute funds toward construction costs and for energy-efficient wastewater treatment upgrades. Additionally, the county and City of Santa Fe have been working with Santa Fe Brewing to enable access to the sewer system, a key requirement for success in the final configuration of this capital project.

"We have strategically focused our economic policies to help New Mexico businesses like Santa Fe Brewing Company stay in our state and grow," said Secretary Jon Barela. "Santa Fe Brewing is a wonderful value-added agriculture producer, an industry we are targeting for growth to increase our state's exports so we can diversify our economy and reduce New Mexico's longtime reliance on the federal government."

"Economic Development is very important to Santa Fe County, and the Santa Fe Brewing Company has been a valuable employer in the county since 1988, creating needed jobs for our community," said Santa Fe County Commissioner Liz Stefanics. "We are excited that Santa Fe Brewing Company will be able to offer its product to national and international markets, bringing in revenue from out of state."

Santa Fe Brewing Company will expand their facility by 55,000 square feet. It was founded in 1988 in Galisteo and currently employs 44 workers. Santa Fe Brewing Company has won numerous awards for its beer and has become a leader in New Mexico's micro brewing industry.

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