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Nine New Mexico Companies Approved for Job Training Funds

SANTA FE, N.M. – The final tranche of Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP) awardees for the calendar year includes nine companies throughout New Mexico, New Mexico Economic Development Department Cabinet Secretary Alicia J. Keyes announced. Program funds will assist in training as many as 42 new employees.

“The companies awarded represent both the economic and geographic diversity of the program. The final 2022 JTIP awardees hail from Albuquerque, Deming/Silver City, Placitas, Red River, and Santa Fe,” EDD Secretary Keyes said. “These companies will continue to grow jobs for New Mexicans in part due to the extra funding provided through JTIP to help train employees to learn new skills and earn higher wages,”

JTIP funds will cover a portion of trainee wages (50-75% depending on location) for up to 6 months, with those higher percentages going to jobs that align with the High Wage Job Tax Credit and to companies that hire trainees who have graduated in the past 12 months from a New Mexico institute of higher education or who are U.S. Veterans.

The JTIP board awarded a total of \$662,783 in this month’s allocations. The nine companies approved in December are:

[Build With Robots, Inc. \(BWR\)](#), Albuquerque, 1 trainee at \$24 per hour for a total award of \$13,730. BWR has built a sanitizing robot named Breezy One that provides autonomous disinfection at large facilities such as the Albuquerque International Sunport, St. Mary’s School in Albuquerque, Houston Airport, and George Bush National Airport, along with other large facilities throughout the country. BWR just released its production version of Breezy One and has begun building the product in volume.

[Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery](#), Silver City/Deming, 10 trainees at an average wage of \$19.75 for a total award of \$125,260. Little Toad Creek currently operates a nano-brewery and distillery, a seasonal rural hotel/restaurant/tasting room, and a year-round restaurant/tasting room in downtown Silver City, with a distillery and production project underway in Deming. The company provides canned beer, ready-to-drink cocktails, and bottled spirits. Their products are currently distributed in approximately 400 retail locations in New Mexico, Colorado, Texas, and California.

[LoadPath, LLC](#), Albuquerque, 5 trainees at an average wage of \$57 for a total award of \$164,520. LoadPath specializes in the development and delivery of advanced engineering products and services. The company’s core capabilities focus on the design, analysis, testing and manufacturing of aerospace structural systems and components, particularly

those critical to the launch vehicle and satellite community.

[Red River Brewing Company, LLC \(RRBC\)](#), Red River, 1 trainee at \$19 per hour for a total award of \$10,370. RRBC was founded to build and operate a brewery, distillery, and full-service restaurant. Wholesale distribution of RRBC's beer and spirits is a growing segment of the business, distributing craft spirits to scores of retail stores and restaurants throughout New Mexico and the Texas panhandle and craft beers in kegs to a number of restaurants in Northern New Mexico.

[RefractAR LLC](#), Santa Fe, 2 trainees at an average wage of \$33.75 for a total award of \$38,430. RefractAR is an independent Extended Reality (XR) Studio. XR is an umbrella term encapsulating Augmented Reality (AR), Virtual Reality (VR), Mixed Reality (MR), and everything in between. RefractAR strives to build accessible, ethical, beautiful experiences through a blend of art and technology, and has created experiences for clients ranging from art festivals, city governments, to social media companies.

[SupplyOne Albuquerque](#), Albuquerque, 11 trainees at an average salary of \$18.62 for a total award of \$52,190.80. SupplyOne designs and manufactures packaging products, offering custom corrugated products, plastic thermoforming, vacuum pouches, packaging films, trays, containers, stock paper, packaging and shipping supplies, and equipment. The company has operations in 20 states throughout the U.S.

[Terra Vera](#), Placitas, 2 trainees at an average wage of \$47.48 for a total award of \$70,380.88. When the needs of the cannabis industry to control biological contamination were paired with the new capabilities of the water treatment technology, Terra Vera was conceived. After the technology was tested on several crops, it became clear that this was a major breakthrough that could both remediate and prevent some of the more common biological pest issues that often damage or destroy crop value. Today Terra Vera holds exclusive rights to use that technology on cannabis as well as the ability to apply it to other agricultural crops such as hops and wine grapes. This is Terra Vera's first JTIP application.

[TS-Nano Sealants \(TS-Nano\)](#), Albuquerque, 9 trainees at an average wage of \$34.59 for a total award of \$172,035.40. TS-Nano is a New Mexico startup company focused on designing, manufacturing, and applying very durable nano-modified sealants that bond extremely well to a variety of sub-surfaces to seal against Green House Gas (GHG) emissions.

[Vibrant Corporation](#), Albuquerque, 1 trainee at \$30.05 per hour for a total award of \$15,866.40. Vibrant Corporation was formed to license Process Compensated Resonance Testing (PCRT) technology (a high-speed automated system for Tier 1 suppliers to the big three auto makers) for application to new markets. The company supports the aerospace, automotive, and power generation industries, as well as materials laboratories with unparalleled nondestructive testing (NDT). Applications range from quality assurance and process capability assessment for original equipment manufacturers to in-service structural assessment and life monitoring for maintenance, repair, and overhaul organizations.

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Little Toad Creek Brewery provides canned beer, ready-to-drink cocktails, and bottled spirits to 400 retail locations in New Mexico, Colorado, Texas, and California. Photo credit: Gabriella Marks



TS-Nano team on location in Hobbs. The company hopes to bring on new staff as they expand into a

EDD's mission is *to improve the lives of New Mexico families by increasing economic opportunities and providing a place for businesses to thrive*. EDD's programs contribute directly to this mission by training our workforce, providing infrastructure that supports business growth, and helping *every community* create a thriving economy. Since January 1, 2019, EDD has supported more than 14,000 new jobs and trained 9,401 New Mexicans for better pay. EDD has utilized LEDA to make investments in 56 businesses, supporting more than 8,600 new jobs at an average wage of \$65,748, \$570 million in annual payroll, \$7.2 billion in new capital investment, and a ten-year economic impact of \$34+ billion. Forty communities across 22 counties have benefited from EDD programs.

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