

**JOB TRAINING INCENTIVE PROGRAM
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

Virtual Meeting

MEETING SUMMARY of September 13, 2024

ATTENDEES:

Board Members

Sara Gutierrez, Acting Board Chair
Monica Sandoval-Johnson, STEM Boomerang
Kelley Allen, OPEIU Local 251
Michelle Doran, DWS
Marcos Martinez, PED
Kathleen Sena, HED
Denise Ojeda, PED

Board Members Absent

Sara Gutierrez, EDD Deputy Division Director
Marc Duske, NM PED

JTIP Staff Present

Patrick Gannon, JTIP Program Manager
Lynette King, JTIP Program Administrator

Guests

Peter Wegner – BlackVe, CEO
Jim Kunz – Mega Corp. Inc, President
Christina Hurley – Mega Corp. Inc, HR Specialist
Michal Charles – Sceye, Inc., HR Business Partner
Pierce Runnels – Geobrug North America, General Manager
Chris Gonzales – Gonzo Family Farms, CEO
Daniel Simon – Gonzo Family Farms, COO
Jason Kirkman – Tumbleroot Brewing LLC., Co-Founder
Angela Smith Kirkman – Paseo Pottery, Owner
Michelle Fraumeni – Kairos Power, LLC. Human Resources Manager
John Stuecker – Robocasting Enterprises, Vice President
Candice Lee – Sage Botanicals, Owner
Samantha Brendible – Franklin Mountain Packaging, Special Projects

I. Introductions

The meeting convened at 9:00 am. The introduction of the board and staff followed.

II. Approval of the Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Kathleen Sena and seconded by Marcos Martinez. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Consideration of Proposals and Amendments

a) BlackVe, Inc. – (Amendment)

The company is requesting \$98,384.00 for 2 trainees. The positions are high wage jobs and are eligible for an additional 5% reimbursement.

A motion to approve this request was made by Kelley Allen and seconded by Marcos Martinez. Motion passed unanimously.

b) Mega Corp. Inc. - (Amendment) –

The company is requesting \$30,160.00 for 2 trainees. Mega Corp is requesting funds to add two Mechanical Engineers.

A motion to approve this request was made by Marcos Martinez and seconded by Denise Ojeda. Motion passed unanimously.

c) Sceye, Inc – (Amendment)

The company is requesting \$40,090.96 for 1 trainee. Sceye is requesting funds to add one Mechanical Engineer.

A motion to approve this request was made by Kelley Alleyn and seconded by Marcos Martinez. Motion passed unanimously.

d) STEM Boomerang – Step-Up

The company is requesting \$49,000.00 for 25 trainees. STEM Boomerang aims to address New Mexico's workforce recruitment challenges by providing a training program aimed at helping businesses develop successful recruitment strategies to grow and retain their workforce. The training program is designed for representatives from New Mexico-based companies (senior leadership, HR representatives and managers) who experience challenges in recruiting for open positions.

A motion to approve this request was made by Kathleen Sena and seconded by Denise Ojeda. Motion passed unanimously.

e) Geobrugg North America

This is Geobrugg's first JTIP application. The company is requesting \$410,890.00

for 25 trainees. These positions are high-wage jobs and are eligible for an additional 5% reimbursement.

A motion to approve this request was made by Monica Sandoval - Johnson and seconded by Marcos Martinez. Motion passed unanimously.

f) Gonzo Family Farms

This is Gonzo Family Farms first JTIP application. The company is requesting \$206,988.00 for 19 trainees. The Production Manager and Assistant Production Manager positions are high wage jobs and are eligible for an additional 5% reimbursement.

A motion to approve this request was made by Marcos Martinez and seconded by Kathleen Sena. Motion passed unanimously.

g) Tumbleroot Brewing, LLC.

The company is requesting \$18,098.00 for 2 trainees. Tumbleroot Brewing, LLC has been approved for JTIP funds on previous occasions.

A motion to approve this request was made by Kelley Allen and seconded by Denise Ojeda. Motion passed unanimously.

h) Paseo Pottery

The company is requesting \$22,370.00 for 2 trainees. Paseo Pottery has been approved for JTIP funds on two previous occasions.

A motion to approve this request was made by Marcos Martinez and seconded by Kelley Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

i) Kairos Power LLC.

The company is requesting \$699,660.00 for 27 trainees. Kairos Power has been approved on twelve previous occasions. The positions are high wage jobs and are eligible for an additional 5% reimbursement. Eleven of the positions are reapplications that were not filled within the previous application's six-month hiring period.

A motion to approve this request was made by Kelley Allen and seconded by Marcos Martinez. Motion passed unanimously.

j) Robocasting Enterprises

The company is requesting \$23,570.00 for 8 trainees. This is Robocasting's first JTIP application.

A motion to approve this request was made by Kelley Allen and seconded by Kathleen Sena. Motion passed unanimously.

k) Sage Botanicals

The company is requesting \$164,260.00 for 3 trainees. This is Sage Botanicals first JTIP application. The positions are high wage jobs and are eligible for an additional 5% reimbursement.

A motion to approve this request was made by Kathleen Sena and seconded by Kelley Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

i) Franklin Mountain Packaging LLC.

The company is requesting \$673,550.72 for 63 trainees. Franklin Mountain Packaging has been approved for JTIP on four previous occasions. The positions are high wage jobs and are eligible for an additional 5% reimbursement.

A motion to approve this request was made by Kelley Allen and seconded by Kathleen Sena. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- a. JTIP Board meeting September 13, 2024 - a motion was made by Kathleen Sena and seconded by Kelley Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Fiscal Update

Mr. Patrick Gannon shared the fiscal report and the projects in the pipeline.

a. Next Board Meeting

- i. October 11, 2024; 9:00 am -12:00 pm; Virtual

VI. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Chair. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 11:39 am.