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## FROM THE SECRETARY

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This holiday season, as we reflect on the year behind us, I would like to thank our partners, communities, and businesses across the state for their collaboration and commitment, which make our work possible.

We're grateful for the projects now shaping New Mexico's future — creating good jobs today and expanding opportunity for generations to come. And we're grateful to you — the families of New Mexico. Together, we are helping build a more prosperous future.

As you'll read in this issue, that shared effort is taking tangible form across our state. In Los Lunas, Pacific Fusion has officially opened its first build center, marking another major milestone in the company's expansion and in our state's growing role in advanced energy and manufacturing.

We're also highlighting our Job Training Incentive Program, supporting 67 jobs this month across seven companies statewide. From space and quantum technologies to advanced manufacturing and agriculture, these investments reflect our focus on growing a diverse, resilient economy — one that equips New Mexicans with skills to thrive now and in the future.

From all our team here at Economic Development, warm holiday wishes to you and yours; and here's to a bright New Year.

Rob Black  
Cabinet Secretary, NM Economic Development Department

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## NEWS

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### Pacific Fusion sets roots in NM

Pacific Fusion celebrated the opening of its new Los Lunas manufacturing hub with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Dec. 12.



The Los Lunas build center will be the manufacturing location for the modules that will eventually be assembled at the company's Mesa del Sol site. The facility is expected to create about 100 high-paying jobs by the end of next year.

Watch: KRQE News covers the ribbon cutting (click image below)



In the news: [Los Lunas, Pacific Fusion celebrate opening manufacturing hub](#)



## and speaking of jobs...

EDD announced the December round of JTIP funding, totaling \$1.7M to five companies that plan to hire and train up to 67 employees.

This last tranche of JTIP awards brings the calendar year total for 2025 to more than \$19 million to 84 companies across the state in support of up to 1,330 jobs.

In the news: [New Mexico awards \\$1.7M in training funds for 67 jobs](#)

[Read the latest press release](#)

## EDD OPPORTUNITIES

### GRANTS

#### **Business Development & Expansion Grant**

Creative for-profit businesses are invited to apply. Funding may be used for inventory, equipment, marketing, infrastructure, technology, and more.

- Deadlines: Cycle 1 Dec 26 (6pm MT); Cycle 2 Feb 27 (6pm MT)
- Learn more: [edd.newmexico.gov/business-development/cid-grants](http://edd.newmexico.gov/business-development/cid-grants)

#### **Outdoor Recreation Trails+ Grant**

Invests in conservation-minded shovel-ready projects like trail design and construction, signage, river access, outdoor classroom infrastructure, trailhead improvements, picnic shelters, skate and bike parks. Projects must be open for public use.

- Deadline: Jan 31, 2026
- Info: [nmoutside.com/grants/trails-plus](http://nmoutside.com/grants/trails-plus)

#### **Outdoor Equity Fund**

Open to public and private nonprofit entities that support equitable transformative outdoor experiences for New Mexico's youth.

- Next round opens Jan 6, 2026
- Info: [nmoutside.com/grants/outdoor-equity-fund](http://nmoutside.com/grants/outdoor-equity-fund)

**EDD JOBS**

- General Counsel (Albuquerque or Santa Fe)
- Senior Administrative Assistant New Mexico Film Office (Santa Fe)

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**Statewide Workforce Survey - Please share with NM residents who are currently unemployed.**

Please consider completing this statewide survey to help our partner better understand why New Mexicans are not currently working, and what kinds of support can help people rejoin the workforce.

If you or someone you know is a New Mexico resident who is not working, your input will help develop programs and policies that make it easier for New Mexicans to find and keep good jobs.

*Disclaimer: Responses to this survey are anonymous. Individual responses will not be shared, and results will only be reported in aggregate form to ensure respondent privacy. The New Mexico Economic Development Department is not affiliated in any way with this survey.*

Complete the survey or pass this link along to others here:

<https://survey-d.yoursurveynow.com/survey/selfserve/53b/251176?list=5>

The deadline to participate is Jan. 5.

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We love to hear from you!

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- List a business or community resource on our Resource Map at [edd.newmexico.gov/resource-map](http://edd.newmexico.gov/resource-map)
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