

THE PATHFINDER



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FROM THE SECRETARY



Yesterday, we celebrated the opening of the Roadrunner Quantum Lab Powered by the State of New Mexico. It's a remarkable milestone for the state, and one that represents something much bigger: our determination to become a place where the world's most important technologies are developed, built and brought to market.

New Mexico has what it takes to lead in quantum technology. And today, we're making smart investments and building the partnerships to turn the research into successful businesses and good jobs here at home.

The impact is becoming clear.

Companies like Diraq and Quantinuum are investing in New Mexico. We're committing hundreds of millions of dollars to quantum initiatives, opening new opportunities for businesses to access capital and strengthening partnerships with our universities and national laboratories.

The world is definitely taking notice, as we experienced last week when we presented at Quantum World Congress.

But some of the most inspiring stories are the personal ones. I've met graduates of CNM's Quantum Technician Bootcamp who have found new careers and new possibilities for their families in an industry that's changing the world.

For me, that's where it really hits home.

Their stories remind me why we're doing this. New Mexico has an extraordinary opportunity to help shape the future of technology. And New Mexicans deserve to share in the future we're building.

Rob Black
Cabinet Secretary

HIGHLIGHT REEL

Secretary Rob Black meets with CNM Quantum Technician Bootcamp Graduates working on ABQ-Net.



NEWS



Roadrunner Quantum Lab Powered by the State of New Mexico, is open for business

This week, we celebrated the completion of the Roadrunner Quantum Lab, a shared facility giving quantum startups access to advanced infrastructure and equipment to scale their operations in New Mexico.

Located in Albuquerque's Innovation District, the facility brings quantum startups, industry partners and national laboratories together to test, develop and bring quantum technologies to market. The new facility includes a multi-node quantum network, dilution refrigerators, a quantum testbed, quantum demonstration facilities and lab space tailored for quantum information science. Learn more at www.roadrunnerquantumlab.com.

In the news:

- [New Mexico launches quantum hub to bring together private firms with US national labs](#)
- [New Mexico venture studio unveils quantum lab to boost US tech edge](#)

[Read the press release](#)

Diraq to Establish Quantum R&D Lab in New Mexico



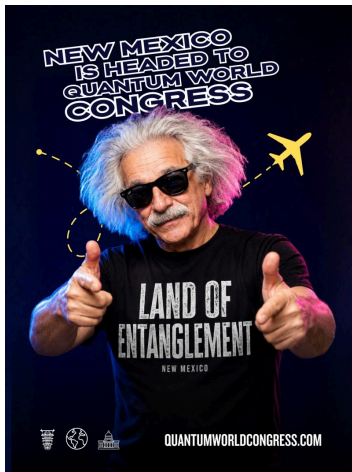
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Diraq, an Australia-based quantum computing company, announced plans to establish a new research and development laboratory in Albuquerque, expanding its U.S. presence and adding momentum to New Mexico's growing quantum ecosystem.

Diraq has signed a memorandum of understanding to establish operations at the Roadrunner Quantum Lab.

In the news: [Diraq Expands U.S. Footprint with New Mexico Quantum R&D Laboratory to Advance DARPA QBI Milestones](#)

[Read the press release](#)



New Mexico Featured at Quantum World Congress

New Mexico was named a **Featured Quantum Ecosystem** at Quantum World Congress 2026, one of only two states recognized for its efforts to invest in and advance quantum technology.

Last week, our team was on the ground at QWC showcasing the exciting momentum underway across New Mexico's quantum ecosystem, connecting with industry leaders and building relationships that can help attract new companies and investment to the state.

In the news: [New Mexico featured at Quantum World Congress](#)

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EDNM OPPORTUNITIES

[EDNM GRANTS AND PROGRAMS](#)

Capital Leverage Grant

- Deadline rolling (always open)
- Learn more: edd.newmexico.gov/capital-leverage-grant

Adventure Pitch Fest

- Nov 6, Albuquerque Rail Yards
- Learn more: nmoutside.com/our-work/adventure-pitch

Outdoor Rec Trails+ Grant

- Deadline Sep 30
- Learn more: nmoutside.com/grants/trails-plus

Targeted Federal Match Grant

- Accepted on a rolling, first-come, first-served basis
- Learn more: edd.newmexico.gov/targeted-federal-match

[EDNM CAREER OPPORTUNITIES](#)

Senior Economic Development Coordinator (Albuquerque)

- Posting End Date: 10/2/2026
- Job ID: 167663

Assistant Attorney (Albuquerque)

- Posting End Date: 10/08/2026
- Job ID: 167306

Communications Manager (Albuquerque preferred)

- Posting End Date: 10/12/2026
- Job ID: 167955

RESOURCE WRAP-UP



NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY

Opportunity Enterprise Grants

Call for Development Projects in Rural New Mexico Communities (pop. under 60,000)

Application deadline: October 5, 2026

- Commercial Development
- Housing Development

[Learn more and apply](#)

For Businesses

[Immigration Information and Resources for Employers](#)

Rolling deadlines and ongoing opportunities:

- [NM CERG](#)
- [New Mexico True Certified](#)
- [Aggie I-Corps](#)
- [NM REAP](#)
- [Small Business bAlsics](#)
- [Monthly Amber Grants](#)
- [Creative Capital Artist Lab](#)
- [CDFI Resource Library](#)
- [Black Business Alliance of Santa Fe,](#)
- [Native Business Roundtables \(Santa Fe\)](#) last Thursday of each month

Community & Nonprofit Resources

[The Econ Dev Show](#) is a podcast and email newsletter sharing actionable strategies, fresh news, insights, and ideas.

Rolling deadlines and ongoing opportunities:

- [Main Street America Small Business Hub](#)
- [National Grassroots Organizing Grant Program](#)
- [Community Connect Program](#)
- [Anderson Charitable Foundation Grants](#)
- [WK Kellogg Foundation](#)
- [Technical Assistance Gateway \(TAG\)](#)
- [NM Grantmakers Directory](#)
- [American's Job Center New Mexico Open House Orientations every Monday](#)

- [Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund](#)
- [NM REAP](#)
- [Energy Efficiency Assessments](#)
- [Santa Fe Small Business Navigator Program](#)
- [Native American Bank](#)
- [Main Street America's Small Business Hub](#)

[Verizon Small Business Digital Ready \\$10,000 national grant](#) Complete the courses and apply anytime in 2026

[Santa Fe Small Business Navigator free consultations \(Upspring office hours\)](#) (Santa Fe) Every 3rd Thursday until Nov 19.

[LabStart Climate Tech Startup Entrepreneur Fellowship Program](#) Deadline Oct 6

[New Mexico Congressional Delegation Navigating Federal Funding](#) (virtual) Oct 7

[Santa Fe Small Business Finance Fair](#) Oct 8

[Outdoor Economics Conference \(Ruidoso\)](#) Oct 14-16

[QuickBooks Online Workshop](#) (in English and Spanish) Oct 14 & 28

[AI Coworkers Sprint](#) (Albuquerque) Deadline Oct 16

[DOE Quantum Genesis Q Competition](#) Deadline Oct 19

[New Mexico Tech Week](#) (multiple locations) Oct 26-31

[Employee Retention Strategies](#) (Gallup) Oct 27

[UNM Technology Showcase](#) (Albuquerque) Oct 27

[TechFest 2026](#) (Albuquerque) Oct 29-30

[Child Care Facility Loan Fund](#) Deadline Oct 31

[SBA Capital Readiness Events](#) Nov 2,9,16 &23

- [Pro Bono Legal Services for Nonprofits](#)
- [The Grant Plant](#)
- [Managing Federal Grants – Start Up Guide](#)

[Opportunity Enterprise – Housing Development Program](#) Deadline Oct 5

[Opportunity Enterprise – Commercial Development](#) Deadline Oct 5

[HealthAI Summit 2026](#) (Albuquerque) Oct 8

[oting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation \(PROTECT\)](#) Deadline Oct 9

[Health Center Program Service Area Competition](#) Deadline Oct 19

[AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP Competition](#) Deadline Oct 20

[Strategic Water Supply Grant](#) Deadline Oct 20

[Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative](#) Deadline Oct 30

[Students, Teachers, and Officers Preventing \(STOP\) School Violence Program](#) Deadline Oct 30

[Advanced Economic Development Leadership Program](#) (Ft. Worth, TX) Nov 2-5

[Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants](#) Deadline Nov 13

[Inspire Grants for Small Museums](#) Deadline Nov 13

[New Mexico Infrastructure Finance Conference](#) (Farmington - \$400-450 fee) Nov 16-19

[UNM Business and Economic Summit](#) Nov 19

[Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program](#) Deadline Dec 3

[Land & Water Conservation Fund \(LWCF\)](#) Deadline Jan 5

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