

THE PATHFINDER



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FROM THE SECRETARY



I spend a lot of time talking to people outside New Mexico, and I'm always struck by how different their picture of our state can be from the one we know.

They know the history: Los Alamos, Sandia, Trinity, rockets and Route 66. We're proud of that history. But it's not the whole story.

Today, New Mexico is becoming a place where the technologies that will shape the next economy are being developed — and, importantly, turned into companies, jobs and industries right here at home.

Just in the last two weeks, so much has happened demonstrating our progress. Curia expanded their advanced pharmaceutical manufacturing in Albuquerque. Pacific Fusion broke ground on a \$1 billion campus to advance fusion energy. And BlackVe opened their satellite manufacturing facility to supply the next generation of space and defense technology.

These are not just press releases, or hopes for some distant future. They are investments that have turned hope into action, creating real jobs for New Mexicans.

So we'll continue making deliberate investments in advanced energy, quantum, space, aerospace and defense. And we'll continue putting capital behind commercialization, preparing sites for new businesses and expanding opportunities for New Mexicans to build careers in these fields.

Because when we talk about the next frontier, we're not leaving our history behind. We're building on it to create what comes next.

Rob Black
Cabinet Secretary

NEWS

Curia Expands Biopharmaceutical Manufacturing in Albuquerque

Curia, a leading biopharmaceutical manufacturing company, has opened a new high-speed vial filling line at its Albuquerque campus as part of a \$200 million expansion. The project is



expected to create more than 250 jobs and expand New Mexico's capacity to manufacture injectable medicines and other critical therapies.

In the news:

- [Curia Celebrates Expansion of Albuquerque Facility with Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony](#)

[Read the press release](#)



Pacific Fusion Breaks Ground in Albuquerque

Pacific Fusion, a fusion energy company developing technology for commercial, carbon-free power, has broken ground on a \$1 billion research and manufacturing campus at Mesa del Sol. The 225,000-square-foot facility will advance fusion research and manufacturing while strengthening New Mexico's growing advanced-energy industry.

In the news:

- [Pacific Fusion's next fusion machine could clear a key hurdle to commercial power](#)
- [Groundbreaking held for nuclear fusion facility in New Mexico](#)

[Read the press release](#)



BlackVe Opens Satellite Manufacturing Facility

BlackVe, a defense and space technology company that manufactures multi-mission spacecraft, has opened a new 30,000-square-foot satellite manufacturing facility at MaxQ@Kirtland. The expansion is expected to create 152 high-paying jobs and further strengthen Albuquerque's space and national security technology sector.

In the news:

- [Aerospace firm opens satellite facility in Albuquerque, state projects \\$228M economic impact](#)

[Read the press release](#)



NEW MEXICO TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION OFFICE

Offering two new pathways for innovation growth

TIO has announced two NEW grant programs stemming from New Mexico's \$150 million Research, Development & Deployment (RD&D) Fund. These grants give advanced tech companies receiving federal and other funding a chance to expand the impact.

Grant applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

- **Targeted Federal Match Grants:** edd.newmexico.gov/targeted-federal-match
- **Capital Leverage Matching Grant:** edd.newmexico.gov/tio/capital-leverage-grant

These opportunities will speed up the advancement of cutting-edge technology projects and catalyze innovation, economic growth and job creation in New Mexico.

[Visit TIO at edd.newmexico.gov/TIO](http://edd.newmexico.gov/TIO)

EDNM GRANTS AND PROGRAMS

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

RESOURCE WRAP-UP



NEW MEXICO
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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

Opportunity Enterprise webinar, September 22, 1-2 pm - [REGISTER HERE](#)

Learn more and apply

For Businesses

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
- [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.

[Creative People, Creative Places - Creative Technologies on the Mother Road](#) (Albuquerque)
Sep 10

[2026 Rainforest Accelerator](#) Deadline Sep 11

[Intro to the Win-Win Playbook](#) Sep 11

[Small Business Success: Mastering the Essentials](#) Sep 15

[Gross Receipts Tax Essentials](#) Sep 16

[Women in Business Conference](#) (Santa Fe) \$45 registration fee - Sep 17

[SBIR 101 Workshop](#) (Albuquerque) Sep 15

[UNM Rainforest Forum](#) Sep 15

[Polishing Your Business Idea](#) Sep 26

[Marketing Strategy](#) Sep 26

[Social Media Marketing](#) Sep 26

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

[Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Pilot Program](#) Deadline Sep 9

[NMCT Professional Services Fund](#) Deadline Sep 15

[NEA Collaborative Research](#) Deadline Sep 16

[Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program](#)
Deadline Sep 17

[Trauma Care Readiness and Coordination Cooperative Agreement](#) Deadline Sep 18

[Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative Extension Disaster Education Network](#) Deadline Sep 21

[Low or No Emission Program](#) Deadline Sep 21

[New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps Projects](#) Deadline Sep 23

[Partners for Fish and Wildlife](#) Deadline Sep 30

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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