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New Mexico Companies Invited to Participate in *Access* Mission Trips Hosted by Office of International Trade

SANTA FE—The New Mexico Economic Development Department’s Office of International Trade (OIT) will be hosting two *Access* Business Development Mission trips abroad this fall. *Access* Europe Mission to Germany and Spain will take place from September 8-17, 2008 and *Access* Asia Mission to Japan and China will commence in November. OIT can also assist with other countries in the region depending on the participating companies needs.

The *Access* program combines an educational briefing with a business development mission, allowing companies to be fully prepared to venture into the foreign marketplace of choice. OIT will lead a business development mission to the region where companies receive a customized series of business meetings, in-country briefings and other support services to assist in their business activities.

“There is a great deal of opportunity right now for New Mexico businesses to explore trade overseas,” said Mathew Woodlee, Director of the Office of International Trade. “These *Access* mission trips have proven to be very valuable for a majority of the companies that have taken part. I strongly encourage companies interested in international trade to consider participation”

Companies interested in taking part in either of these *Access* Mission trips should sign up now with the Office of International Trade by calling the Economic Development Department at 505-827-0300 and for more information on OIT log onto www.tradeNM.com.

Companies will be charged a \$500 fee for mission-related expenses and are responsible for their own travel expenses such as airfare and hotel.

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