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## **Economic Development Secretary Jon Barela announced \$75,000 in LEDA Funds for the Creation of 12 Jobs at Martinez & Sons Processing in Las Vegas**

LAS VEGAS - Today Secretary Jon Barela announced \$75,000 in Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) funds for Martinez & Son's Processing at their ribbon cutting ceremony today in Las Vegas. The LEDA funds, which are appropriated for infrastructure projects, will help with the construction for the refrigeration area for the meat processing plant that will serve Northern New Mexico ranchers. This will help with the creation of 12 direct jobs and more than 50 indirect jobs.

"Martinez & Sons is a small business success story in that it represents a family who has worked tirelessly to plan, develop and build an enterprise that will employ local citizens and provides a much needed service," said Secretary Barela. "Martinez & Sons are the kind of small business that leads the way for job growth in the state and we are proud to support this rural New Mexico business."

In 2012, Martinez & Sons received \$70,000 in LEDA funding to go towards a water recycling system and construction for cooler and freezer space and \$50,000 in Job Training Incentive Program funds for the hiring and training of 8 employees.

Martinez & Sons Processing, LLC will be the first commercial meat processing business in Las Vegas, serving local ranchers and grass-fed animal producers for the northeastern part of New Mexico. Without this business located in San Miguel County, Northern New Mexico beef producers would have to travel an average of 520 miles for cattle harvesting services. The company plans to offer one-of-kind custom cuts to satisfy all customer processing needs, utilizing up-to-date equipment and technology to ensure a quality product for the customers. Local ranchers and organic producers will have the opportunity to have their meat processed while saving on commuting expenses.

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