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## **Four New Mexico Businesses Complete New Mexico 9000 Program** *Program Prepares Small Businesses to Compete for National and International Contracts*

ALBUQUERQUE - Four New Mexico small businesses completed preparation for ISO 9001 certification through the New Mexico 9000 program. ISO 9001 is a quality management standard recognized by more than 170 countries and required by most major companies and governments in the United States, Mexico, Canada, Europe and Asia of its suppliers. The New Mexico Economic Development Department (NMEDD) in collaboration with the New Mexico Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) offered the low-cost ISO 9001 certification to small businesses across the state.

"With the state leading the nation in export growth, international trade has become a huge part of the growing economy in New Mexico," said Economic Development Cabinet Secretary Jon Barela. "New Mexico 9000 is a great tool for small businesses who are working to become ISO 9001 certified. Helping more companies to get certified will aid in the future of export growth in New Mexico."

The businesses that completed the course are:

**SuperiAire Technologies, Albuquerque** - focuses on custom sewing and parachute technology. The company specializes in designing and sewing fabric structures, covers and custom banners. In addition, the company is qualified to pack large payload parachutes and recovery systems and manufactures drag chutes.

**Trinitek Services, Inc., Albuquerque** - provides expert regulatory consulting, technical, engineering and scientific services including training and audits focusing on environmental compliance and nuclear engineering. The company works throughout the U.S. and internationally.

**NM811.org, Albuquerque** - New Mexico 811 was established in 1990, to provide professional damage prevention resources for excavators and homeowners statewide. The company offers a toll-free call center for dig notification and free safety seminars to train excavators on excavation safety.

**White Sands Research & Developers, Las Cruces** - produces technically superior, user-friendly and long-term maintainable products. The company continues to grow and diversify its modeling base.

ISO certification is a lengthy and expensive process which is why NMEDD offers the New Mexico 9000 program on a sliding scale based on gross receipts and worked out in as little as four months, with the participants setting the pace. Businesses seeking the ISO certification on its own incur costs to up to \$120,000 and take up to three years to complete.

Trained professionals with extensive experience in ISO implementation conducted the six four-hour workshops including interpretation of the standard, ISO 9001:2000, procedure writing, and consulting on business-specific ISO compliance issues. A two-day internal audit class was also presented during the program.

**The next New Mexico 9000 session will begin September 13, 2013** in Albuquerque. Businesses that would like to register can contact Claudia Serrano at [claudias@newmexicomep.org](mailto:claudias@newmexicomep.org) or (505) 314-9131. For more information on New Mexico 9000 visit: <http://nm9000.org/>. For more information on the New Mexico Manufacturing Extension Partnership visit: <http://newmexicomep.org/>

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