

EDD News

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Homegrown Update

Four more New Mexico homegrown companies are growing again and NMEDD was there to assist:

- **Advanced Network Management** (ANM) expands to new headquarters in ABQ. ANM is creating high-quality technology and management jobs. [Read more...](#)
 - **Ideum's** new Exhibit Fabrication Studio opens. JTIP has helped the company train new employees for quality, high-wage jobs in fields such as interactive programming, IT support and exhibit design. [Read more...](#)
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Theme of the New Mexico-Sonora Commission Meeting is Sharing & Collaboration



On August 23rd and 24th, the Commission held its 2018 Annual Meeting in Santa Fe. New Mexico and Sonora have much in common with regard to their interest and efforts to develop entrepreneurial and creative economies. One day was spent in ABQ exchanging information and ideas. A *Sharing Best Practices* session was held with EDOs from around the state and the New Mexico Partnership, hosted by the Hispano Chamber of Commerce.

The delegation toured the CNM FUSE Makerspace and a *How to Build a Culture of Innovations* session was convened with approximately 25 representatives from our research institutions, venture capital groups, federal laboratories and hosted by UNM STC at the Lobo Rainforest. Representatives from FatPipe expressed interest in establishing a co-working space in Sonora. Spaceport America invited Sonoran students to participate in the Spaceport America Cup.

New Mexico MainStreet Director Honored at the Municipal League Annual Conference

New Mexico MainStreet's Co-Director, Rich Williams was honored for his years of service and dedication to creating economic opportunities in New Mexico communities. David Izraelvitz, Chairman of the Board for the New Mexico Municipal League presented Williams with the "Amigo De Las Ciudades" award for his more than 15 years directing the New Mexico MainStreet Program. [Read more...](#)

New Mexico MainStreet Celebrates Community Leaders & Organizations at 2018 Awards

New Mexico MainStreet (NMMS) held their 2018 NMMS award ceremony at the historic Shuler Theater in Raton on August 9. The awards honor organizations and individuals that exemplify MainStreet's mission to engage people, rebuild places and revitalize economies. The NMMS awards recognize outstanding achievements and leadership among local organizations and partners. [Read on to learn who the award recipients are...](#)

TaskUs Brings Nearly 700 Jobs to Downtown ABQ

One of the Largest Job Announcements for Downtown ABQ in Years...Maybe ever



TaskUs is expanding to downtown Albuquerque's First Plaza Building for their new \$9 million technical operations and customer experience center. Company officials said New Mexico's business-friendly incentives were the deciding factor when compared to other markets such as Nevada, Texas and Utah. [Read on and learn why the company chose Albuquerque...](#)

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Tribal Liaisons Kick Off Working Sessions on Opportunity Zone Designations on Tribal Lands

Since Governor Martinez announced the designation of 63 census tracts in New Mexico as [Opportunity Zones \(OZ\)](#), there has been tremendous interest from communities to learn more about this program. On September 7th Tribal Liaisons began meeting with tribal leaders to develop strategies to promote and develop the Zones. The first such session was held with Zia Pueblo Governor Delgarito and Economic Development Officer Ewell Longhorn. Topics of discussion on the Tribal Tour include *Regional Economic Development Organizations, Adopting a LEDA Ordinance, Creating Enterprises Through Section 17, and Identifying OZ Investors & Funding Projects*. Contact NMEDD Tribal Liaison, Tim Hagaman, tim.hagaman@state.nm.us.

Meet Myrriah Tomar, Director of the Office of Science and Technology

The Office of Science and Technology facilitates, enables and encourages the start-up, growth and relocation of technology-based companies in New



Mexico.

Myrriah received her Ph.D. in Molecular Biology from the University of Colorado's Anschutz Medical School and her B.S. in Biochemistry from UNM. She is a native New Mexican and recently participated in Operation STEM Boomerang which connects young STEM professionals with opportunities in NM.

Shortly after graduating with her Ph.D., Myrriah worked with a small start-up company, SafeWhite, serving to transition their core technology product to the market. Most recently, Myrriah worked in technology transfer at Rice University evaluating and marketing novel technologies and devices. She looks forward to

connecting with you all!

NMEDD's Office of Science & Technology Announces a New Round of SBIR Matching Grants

Matching grants of up to \$50,000 to accelerate commercialization of technologies developed with the aid of the federal SBIR awards. This is a competitive grant for New Mexico companies. Eligible companies must have an active Phase I or Phase II award or a letter of award. Award funds must be used for business development and must not duplicate items or activities funded by the federal SBIR award. Contact Myrriah Tomar, Ph.D., 505.827.0222 or Myrriah.Tomar@state.nm.us

Meet Lee Schilling, Executive Secretary & Administrative Assistant



Originally from Texas, Lee is happy to finally be in Santa Fe. Lee and her husband, Jerry, have wanted to call Santa Fe home for over twenty-five years. With a robust career in administration, Lee brings many skills to the department. She previously worked as Executive Assistant and Program Director at KOAT-TV in Albuquerque and as Office Manager at Allied Engineering Services in Montana. She returned to New Mexico last spring and started working at NMEDD in July. Lee welcomes visitors to the department and her help is invaluable.

Lee loves the arts, music, culture, and diversity that Santa Fe has to offer. She says "Santa Fe feels like home to us." She has a grown son, Evan, who lives in

Hawaii and a "fancy feast" Persian cat named Bella Grace. Welcome to EDD, Lee! We're so happy you're here.

Upcoming Events

MainStreet Volunteer Development Training October 17

8:00-11:30 am (in advance of the Fall Network Leadership Meeting in Silver City)

New Mexico MainStreet Fall Network Leadership Meeting, Silver

City

October 17-19

NM Film Office Speaker Series: The New Mexico Film Incentive - Getting the Facts

October 24

Are you an Independent New Mexico Filmmaker? Do you realize you can claim the 25-30% film tax incentive on any project? The New Mexico Film Office is the liaison between productions and the NM Tax & Revenue Department--we can help you claim the tax incentive. The New Mexico Film Office will give you the facts you need to know and clear up any misconceptions in order to qualify for the tax credit from the State of New Mexico. This topic is a must for anyone thinking about producing a film in New Mexico. [Learn more.](#)

23rd Annual New Mexico Infrastructure Finance Conference

October 24-25

Isleta Pueblo

[Learn more](#)

SBIR Matching Grant Program Application Deadline

November 2

[Learn more](#)

2018 NM Film & Media Industry Conference

November 16-17

[Register here](#)

Rural Efficient Business Program Workshop: Carlsbad

December 5

[Learn more](#)

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