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JOB TRAINING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

At its February meeting, the New Mexico Economic Development Department's Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP) board approved \$1,561,617 in funding to support the creation of 56 jobs and one intern position with five New Mexico companies, including: Adelante Consulting, Corrales (one job); Kairos Power, Albuquerque (29 jobs); Sceye, Moriarty (two jobs); BlueHalo, Albuquerque (18 jobs); and Serbin Machining, Albuquerque (six jobs).

For details on JTIP funding, visit the Economic Development Department's website at https://gon.mbzbbusness-development@dd-programs-for-business/job-training-incentive-program/.

EXPANSIONS

News			Current	
Date	Company	County	Employment	Comments
11/3/23	Array Technologies	Bernalillo	na	Array Technologies, a solar tracking technology manufacturer, announced that they would be building a new manufacturing campus in Albuquerque. The expansion will occur over the next few years and will involve hiring around 100 new employees.
9/7/23	UrencoUSA	Lea		UrencoUSA will add around 50 new jobs at its Lea County uranium processing facility as part of an ongoing expansion.
9/18/23	Noisy Water Winery	Lincoln		Noisy Water Winery will expand with a new facility in Alto. The expansion is expected to add 25 new jobs, bringing the total employee count to nearly 140.

Contractions

News			Current	
Date	Company	County	Empl.	Comments
11/10/23	Virgin Galactic	Statewide	na	Virgin Galactic filed a Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) on November 8th stating that the company would be laying off 73 employees from Spaceport America in Sierra County and their Las Cruces offices on January 8th, 2024.

Openings

News			Forecast	
Date	Company	County	Empl.	Comments
1/22/24	Children's Promise Center	Bernalillo	50	Children's Promise Center is set to open a second child care center in Albuquerque in the International District. The location is expected to take care of over 200 children between 6 months and 12 years old is expected to create 50 jobs.
2/9/24	The Cleaning Lady*	Bernalillo	256+	The third season of "The Cleaning Lady" began filming in February in and around Albuquerque. The production will employ 256 New Mexico crew members and approximately 2,384 local background performers.
1/23/24	Miss You, Love You	Bernalillo	50+	The feature film "Miss You, Love You" will complete filming in and around Albuquerque in February 2024. The production, starring Allison Janney and Andrew Rannells, employs 50 New Mexico crew members and approximately 75 local background performers.
9/28/23	mtex Antenna Technology USA	Bernalillo	62	mtex Antenna Technology USA will open an antenna and telescope manufacturing facility in Albuquerque. The facility will have 62 employees and will begin operations in 2027.
12/6/23	Nickelodeon	Bernalillo	135+	Nickelodeon started production on the second season of "The Really Loud House" in Albuquerque. The production is employing 135 New Mexico crew members, 10 local actors, and approximately 100 local background performers.
10/26/23	Star Scientific Ltd.	Bernalillo	200	Star Scientific, a hydrogen research and manufacturing company, announced that its first North American location would be located in Albuquerque. The company will eventually hire up to 200 workers for the site and no opening date has been announced.
2/8/24	Turnkey Ventures Inc.*	Chaves	330	Turnkey Ventures, Inc. is planning to open a modular home manufacturing center in Roswell. The company plans to hire 330 workers for the site but, no opening date has been announced.
1/17/24	I'll Be Gone In June	Doña Ana	25+	The feature film "I"l Be Gone in June" is set to film in and around Las Cruces in March 2024. The production will employ 25 New Mexico crew members, 22 local actors, and approximately ten local background performers.
12/7/23	Olmo	Doña Ana	40+	The feature film "Olmo" filmed in and around Las Cruces in November 2023. The production employed 40 New Mexico crew members, 12 local actors, and approximately 80 local background performers.
1/25/24	Joe's College Road Trip	Doña Ana	45+	Tyler Perry began production of the feature film "Joe's College Road Trip" in and around Las Cruces. The production employs 45 New Mexico crew members and 45 local background performers.
10/18/23	Pilot Co.	McKinley	40	Pilot Co. is opening a One9 travel center in Gallup. The fueling and food center will open in early 2024 and will employ 40 workers.
10/19/23	Without Consequence	San Miguel	26+	The feature film "Without Consequence" filmed in and around Las Vegas through October 2023. The production employed 26 New Mexico crew members, eight local actors, and approximately 20 local background performers.
9/4/23	Slim Chickens	Sandoval	100	Slim Chickens opened a new location in Rio Rancho in August 2023. This is the second location in the state and will employ 100 people.

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12/18/23	Killing Faith	Santa Fe	60+	The feature film "Killing Faith" will begin filming in and around Santa Fe starting in January 2024. The production stars Guy Pierce and Tim Roth and will employ 60 New Mexico crew members, 5 local actors, and approximately 45 local background performers.
2/2/24	Ransom Canyon*	Statewide	380+	Netflix is filming a new series "Ransom Canyon" in and around Albuquerque and Las Vegas through June 2024. The production employs 380 New Mexico crew members, 40 local actors, and approximately 300 local background performers.
9/2/23	SunZia	Statewide		The SunZia wind power and transmission project finally broke ground after 15 years of getting government approvals. The project is expected to be online by 2026 and will employ 2,000 construction workers at its peak and have 110 permanent workers across New Mexico.

Closings

News			Ending	
Date	Company	County	Empl.	Comments
1/16/24	BIMBO Bakeries	Bernalillo	149	BIMBO Bakeries filed a Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) on January 17th stating that they would be laying off 123 employees at its Albuquerque location on April 16th.
1/31/24	CTI*	Otero	na	CTI, a flight training company, filed a Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) on January 31st stating that they laid off 68 employees at Holloman Air Force Base on December 31st, 2023.

^{* -} INDICATES NEW ENTRY THIS MONTH.

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Employment estimates are from various sources, including news reports, company websites, and the New Mexico Workforce Connection online system.

^{** -} INDICATES UPDATED INFORMATION IN ENTRY.

[&]quot;na" indicates information is not currently available.