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## **EMNRD and Santa Fe Community College complete first round of energy code trainings**

*Training provides New Mexicans new skills to join sustainable building sector*

**Santa Fe, NM** – The Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department’s (EMNRD) Energy Conservation and Management Division (ECMD) and Santa Fe Community College (SFCC) have completed the first round of energy codes training for construction professionals. Held throughout June, 76 participants completed four training sessions, which thoroughly covered the details of the new Thermal Bypass Checklist and how to complete it, as required by the newly adopted 2018 New Mexico Energy Code based on the International Energy Conservation Code developed by the International Code Council.

By leading an educational effort to develop and provide training for professionals working in the construction industry, including but not limited to building code officials, architects, contractors, engineers, and project managers, New Mexico is supporting our construction industry to build more sustainably. The training classes were developed to help the construction industry adapt to the new residential and commercial 2018 International Energy Conservation Code and New Mexico Energy Conservation Code. This effort sets the stage for job creation in New Mexico by establishing a pipeline for qualified New Mexicans to receive training at our higher learning institutions for local jobs.

“Correctly deploying modern energy building codes has the dual benefit of reducing climate pollution and creating new jobs,” said EMNRD Cabinet Secretary Sarah Cottrell Propst. “The trainings ensure that New Mexicans are able to fill these jobs, bringing economic diversification to our state while getting closer to meeting our climate and clean energy goals.”

“SFCC values this opportunity to collaborate with EMNRD and to provide training for the New Mexico construction industry on the state’s new building codes,” said SFCC President Becky Rowley, Ph.D. “Through the EnergySmart Academy at SFCC, these trainings support clean energy and energy efficiency. Together, we can help to grow a sustainable workforce while we address reducing our carbon footprint through responsible building and design.”

Additional trainings will be held in the fall. For information on upcoming classes email [amanda.hatherly@sfcc.edu](mailto:amanda.hatherly@sfcc.edu).

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