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The New Mexico Film Office Announces *Better Call Saul* To Begin Production on its Sixth and Final Season

SANTA FE, N.M. – The New Mexico Film Office announced today that the AMC Networks acclaimed television series *Better Call Saul*, produced by Sony Pictures Television, will begin production this March on the sixth and final 13-episode season.

“The *Breaking Bad*, *Better Call Saul*, and *El Camino* productions are some of the best television the world has seen in modern times. These productions put New Mexico on the map as a destination for film and television and as a state, we are grateful. New Mexicans everywhere will forever hold tight to the claim to fame as the place where these productions were created,” said Alicia J. Keyes, Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Economic Development Department. “While we are all wanting to know how the two stories intersect, it is truly bittersweet for those of us in the New Mexico film community to announce production on this final season of *Better Call Saul*.”

Better Call Saul will employ over 400 New Mexico crew members, over 150 New Mexico principal actors and over 1,500 background talent.

“We are both sad and thrilled to welcome the team of *Better Call Saul* back to New Mexico to film the series’ sixth and final season. The *Breaking Bad*, *Better Call Saul*, and *El Camino* productions have had major positive and lasting impacts for New Mexico in so many ways and will always go down in the history books as the productions that changed the game for the film and television industry in New Mexico,” said Amber Dodson, Director, New Mexico Film Office. “Not only did New Mexico’s biggest city, Albuquerque get a major starring role in these productions, but New Mexico’s sky, desert, and locations were showcased unlike anything we have ever seen on the screen before.”

Produced by Sony Pictures Television, *Better Call Saul* stars Bob Odenkirk, Jonathan Banks, Rhea Seehorn, Patrick Fabian, Michael Mando, Tony Dalton, and Giancarlo Esposito. The series is executive produced by Peter Gould, Vince Gilligan, Mark Johnson, Melissa Bernstein, Thomas Schnauz, Gordon Smith, Alison Tatlock, Diane Mercer, and Michael Morris. *Better Call Saul* garnered a 2018 Peabody Award, and, over five seasons, has earned 40 Emmy® Award nominations, four Golden Globe® Award nominations, six Writers Guild Awards, nine Critics' Choice Awards, five Television Critics Association Awards and four AFI Awards for "TV Programs of the Year," among many other Guild nominations.

All film and television productions in New Mexico are required to adhere to the state's operative emergency public health order, associated public health restrictions and COVID Safe Practices. Those restrictions include but are not limited to the adherence to occupancy maximums, the maintaining of a six-foot distance between individuals, wearing masks at all times, daily disinfection, symptom screenings, and more.

The New Mexico Film Office has released Back2One, a catchall set of principles, general recommendations, and resources for film and television productions operating during COVID-19. Back2One recommendations and other COVID Safe Practices can be found at nmfilm.com

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