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EMNRD and four higher education institutions awarded \$750,000 to expand energy conservation code training and education

Project will train New Mexicans on energy efficient buildings

Santa Fe, NM – The Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department’s (EMNRD) Energy Conservation and Management Division (ECMD), was awarded \$750,000 from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for an exciting new opportunity to train New Mexicans on energy efficiency and energy management. In cooperation with four higher education institutions, Doña Ana Community College, Northern New Mexico College, San Juan College, and Santa Fe Community College, ECMD will facilitate continuing education, training, and technical assistance to support industry professionals as they adapt to advanced energy technologies. The Sustainable Education for Advanced Buildings (SEAB) project aims to improve and expand education on energy efficiency codes, practices, and products to better inform current industry professionals and prepare new workers for the construction trades field.

“New Mexico has already made great progress expanding energy efficiency by updating statewide building codes and modernizing government buildings,” said EMNRD Cabinet Secretary Sarah Cottrell Propst. “This DOE grant supports training for New Mexicans to enter this expanding job market.”

The DOE grants totaled \$86.2 million and were awarded to 44 projects in 20 states aimed at improving building energy efficiency and supporting and expanding the energy efficiency workforce nationwide. New Mexico applied to the competitive grant through the DOE’s Building Technologies Office. As New Mexico looks to increase energy efficiency and diversify our economy, the grant provides additional resources to accomplish our goals. New Mexico’s recent update to the state’s Energy Conservation Code, along with new statewide renewable energy and energy efficiency policies, has created an expanded market for energy efficient buildings and a demand for highly trained professionals.

Each higher education institution, with the support of EMNRD and other energy experts from the private and public sectors, will develop the new education and training programs in early 2022 with delivery of the new courses set for later that year.



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