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State Job Training Funds Awarded for July and August Amount to Nearly \$3.4 million *197 trainees supported through JTIP funds for last 2 months.*

SANTA FE, N.M. – The Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP) board approved over \$3.38 million for 22 New Mexico companies, New Mexico Economic Development Department (EDD) Cabinet Secretary Alicia J. Keyes announced today. The two-month total for July and August, 2022, supported 197 trainee/new employees and one intern.

The high-paying jobs assisted by JTIP included \$35.21 an hour for 59 trainees at Curia Global and \$55.42 an hour for six employees at Kairos Power.

Since taking office, Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham has focused on using JTIP and other workforce training programs to encourage companies to grow and expand in New Mexico and create higher-paying jobs. Getting assistance to train new employees and interns has proven to be one of many great motivators that the state offers to create jobs and grow the economy. Under Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham, New Mexico workers are earning the highest average salaries and average weekly pay ever.

"For fiscal year 2022, JTIP helped fund training for a total of 2,352 workers with an overall average wage of \$23.67 at 80 companies," Secretary Keyes said. "It's exciting to see that we are off to an exceptional start for FY23 and can continue to provide this funding opportunity for another year."

July JTIP awards totaled \$773,735.96 for 70 trainees and August awards totaled \$2,615,217.80 for 157 trainees and one intern. The 22 companies approved for JTIP are:

3D Glass Solutions, Inc., Albuquerque, 1 trainee in July at a wage of \$28.85; 1 trainee in August at a wage of \$50.48; for a total award amounts of \$15,002 for July and \$28,874.56 for August (\$43,876.56). 3D Glass Solutions (3DGS) is a world-class expert on the fabrication

of electronic packages and devices using photo-definable glass-ceramics. 3DGS is a pure-play glass foundry that empowers high-performance electronics using engineered glass to design and manufacture Passive components for next generation wireless and optical communications.

ABQMR, Inc., Albuquerque, 2 trainees in July at an average wage of \$30.64 for a total award of \$34,740.60. ABQMR is a privately owned corporation that provides research services and one-of-a-kind fabrication related to nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). ABQMR uses their expertise in experimental magnetic resonance (MR) to apply NMR to unique research questions and build prototype NMR systems for specialized applications.

Build With Robots, Inc., Albuquerque, 1 trainee in July at a wage of \$27 for a total award of \$14,040. Build With Robots Inc. (BWR) is located within the Central New Mexico Community College FUSE Makerspace and in the Verge Building in Downtown Albuquerque where it showcases automation and robotic solutions. The company's robots use the latest-generation technology to enhance productivity. Known for its signature disinfecting robot, Breezy One, an autonomous mobile robot that disinfects a facility using a "fogger" to clean the air and all surfaces, which can be found rolling through arenas, schools, and airports throughout the country. The company is now in the process of adding to its fleet with the Breezy Blue bot, which is intended to disinfect smaller spaces like hotel rooms.

Curia Global, Inc., Albuquerque, 59 trainees in August with an average wage of \$35.21 for a total award of \$1,111,160.56. Curia, formerly AMRI, is a leading contract research, development, and manufacturing organization providing products and services from R&D through commercial manufacturing to pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical customers. Curia offers products and services across the drug development spectrum partnering with pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies to boost business performance and improve patients' lives. The Albuquerque site is also the location of Curia's "Sterile University." A unique training program in the pharmaceutical industry.

Dean Baldwin Painting, LP, Roswell, 25 trainees in August at an average wage of \$15.53 for a total award of \$163,012. Dean Baldwin Painting is a minority-, woman-owned, small, privately held business specializing in aircraft strip and paint services. The hangar located at the Roswell International Air Center has six temperature-controlled bays with air filtration and waste management systems.

Electric Playhouse, Inc., Albuquerque, 17 trainees in August at an average wage of \$34.30 for a total award of \$323,954.36. Electric Playhouse is an indoor immersive experiential center that combines the physical and digital worlds in fun and engaging ways. They plan to create environments and interactivity that change by the hour. Electric Playhouse plans to franchise the concept and is currently in negotiations with locations outside of New Mexico.

Indica Labs, Inc., Albuquerque, 1 trainee in July at a wage of \$32.46 for a total award of \$16,879.20. Indica Labs is a privately held corporation, founded in Corrales, that provides solutions to streamline image analysis workflow for digital pathology, including HALO and HALO AI for fast, quantitative evaluation of images and HALO Link for collaborative image and data management. Pharmaceutical, healthcare, and research organizations worldwide are using HALO for high-throughput, whole-slide image quantification in areas such as oncology, immuno-oncology, neuroscience, ophthalmology, metabolism, respiratory, and toxicological pathology.

Juniper Trust Company, Santa Fe, 8 trainees in August at an average wage of \$30.94 for a total award of \$132,201.12. Juniper is a majority-owned subsidiary of iTrust Capital, Inc. (iTrust). iTrust is a technology services provider that serves as a combination of a data aggregator, financial dashboard, and communications tool for its clients and consumers. The application has been exclusive and specific to the self-directed purchase, sale, and storage of digital and alternative assets for IRAs and their custodians.

Kairos Power LLC, Albuquerque, 6 trainees in July at an average wage of \$55.42 for a total award amount of \$179,480. Kairos Power is an advanced energy technology and engineering company launched out of a broad research effort at U.S. universities and national laboratories with whom the company maintains strong working relationships. The company is focused on the development of a clean, innovative nuclear technology. The NM facility conducts non-nuclear testing of technology to utilize low-pressure molten fluoride salt as a coolant in a novel advanced nuclear reactor with an inherently safe design based on synergies between the fuel source, salt coolant, and passive safety mechanisms. Currently at 67 employees, Kairos Power intends to have 90 employees at their Albuquerque facility by the end of 2022.

KiloNewton, LLC, Albuquerque, 5 trainees in August with an average wage of \$41.10 and 1 intern with a wage of \$25 for a total award of \$124,654. KiloNewton is a service-based business providing technical and engineering analysis and software design for the renewable energy sector. The company provides a mixture of consulting and software R&D, primarily focused on the optimization of large-scale solar, wind, and renewable technology.

Nature's Toolbox Inc., dba: NTx, Rio Rancho, 17 trainees with an average wage of \$40.75 for a total award of \$389,216. NTx is a bioinformatics and biomanufacturing company. NTx has developed Next-Generation Cell Free systems for RNA and protein production – a novel biologics platform that enables high-throughput screenings including prediction, identification, and production of biological materials in predefining qualities. The platform allows rapid screenings of available genetic data to identify encoded enzymes involved in the biosynthesis of metabolites. The platform quickens the characterization of novel materials, accelerating preclinical drug discovery efforts for any medically relevant compounds.

Olive Tree Pharmacy, Rio Rancho, 3 trainees in August at an average wage of \$30 for a total award of \$41,442. Olive Tree Pharmacy is the only compounding pharmacy in Rio Rancho. Their facility is equipped with the purest raw chemicals and finest lab equipment to produce specialized, non-sterile medications for families and pets throughout New Mexico and Texas. Their compounded products are an alternative to commercially available retail medications and are individually tailored to meet the specific needs of their patients.

Pajarito Powder LLC, Albuquerque, 7 trainees in August with an average wage of \$40.78 for a total award of \$152,050.04. Pajarito Powder, LLC is focused on the development of next-generation catalysts and catalyst supports for the fuel cell and electrolyzer industries. The company is an established leader in advanced catalyst and catalyst support development in rapidly accelerating clean/green hydrogen energy industries.

Photon Rainbow, Albuquerque, 3 trainees in August at an average wage of \$22.50 for a total award of \$22,850. Photon Rainbow is exclusive to SunPower who provides the solar modules inverters and racking. SunPower is the oldest manufacturer of solar PV modules in the country and is certified cradle to cradle for their commitment to environmentally- and human-friendly manufacturing, materials, and supply chains. Recently Photon Rainbow became a Certified Pearl Contractor, the global standard for high-performing homes. Every customer receives an appraisal addendum certifying them as a green home.

Paradise Power Company, Inc. (PPC Solar), Albuquerque, 6 trainees in July with an average salary of \$24.91 for a total award of \$64,309.04. PPC Solar specializes in the development, design, and installation of commercial, utility, and residential Photovoltaic systems. In 2020 PPC Solar expanded into Albuquerque, opening an office to serve the Greater Albuquerque area as well as to create a central jumping off point for installing ChargePoint Electric Vehicle stations throughout the state.

RingIR, Inc., Albuquerque, 1 trainee in July with a wage of \$25.25 and a total award of \$14,380. RingIR is a technology startup company commercializing network-capable real-time optical gas and particulate recognition technology that focuses on molecular fingerprinting of atmospheric gasses. The technology allows operators to run specific gas sensing measurements that analyze the composition of an atmosphere continuously to ensure that workplace environments are safer.

Santa Fe Aero Services LLC (SFAS), Santa Fe, 4 trainees in July with an average wage of \$28.95 for a total award of \$58,227.12. SFAS is a full-service aircraft Avionics and Maintenance outlet and is known for outstanding glass panel avionics installation upgrades and top-level piston and turbine maintenance and repair. The core team of trained and certified technicians brings the highest quality aircraft inspection, maintenance, and repair services to the Southwest.

Taos Bee Flower Company (Taos Bee), Taos, 1 trainee in August at a wage of \$14.63 for a total award of \$8,272.40. Taos Bee is a bee-based skincare company. The company has fifteen hives and makes honey-based products free of synthetic dyes, fragrances, preservatives, parabens, sulfates, soy, petroleum, and chemicals, which makes them safe for all skin types.

The Verdes Foundation, Albuquerque, 9 trainees in August at an average wage of \$18.20 for a total award of \$45,338. The Verdes Foundation is a nonprofit organization and one of the longest operating production and dispensaries in New Mexico. The company has two adjacent production facilities in Albuquerque along with dispensary locations in Albuquerque and Rio Rancho that are operated by registered nurses. The Verdes Foundation produces a large variety of value-added products including edibles, tinctures, and salves. The positions associated with manufacturing are eligible for JTIP funding.

TORC Robotics, Inc. (TORC), Albuquerque, 19 trainees in August with an average wage of \$41.41 for a total award of \$444,529.56. TORC is an independent subsidiary of Daimler Truck AG, the global leader and pioneer in trucking. Founded in 2005 at the birth of the self-driving vehicle revolution, TORC has 16 years of experience in pioneering safety-critical, self-driving applications. The company offers a complete self-driving vehicle software and integration solution and is currently focusing on commercializing self-driving trucks.

Worthington Farms LLC, Mesilla Park, 1 trainee in July with a wage of \$12.88 for a total award of \$4,341.20. Worthington Farms produces a variety of pecan products that include flavored pecans, oils, syrups, nut butter, soaps, lotions, lip balms, and sugar rubs, currently sold through the company's website. The company has long-term plans to expand their pecan orchard as well as leasing their shelling and commercial kitchen to other pecan producers in Doña Ana County.



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EDD's mission is to improve the lives of New Mexico families by increasing economic opportunities and providing a place for businesses to thrive. EDD's programs contribute directly to this mission by training our workforce, providing infrastructure that supports business growth, and helping *every community* create a thriving economy. Since January 1, 2019, EDD has supported more than 14,000 new jobs and trained 9,401 New Mexicans for better pay. EDD has utilized LEDA to make investments in 56 businesses, supporting more than 8,600 new jobs at an average wage of \$65,748, \$570 million in annual payroll, \$7.2 billion in new capital investment, and a ten-year economic impact of \$34+ billion. Forty communities across 22 counties have benefited from EDD programs.