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JTIP Program Approves Funds for 48 More New Mexico Trainees at 8 Companies

April approvals include JTIP jobs in Taos, Tucumcari, Las Vegas, Bernalillo

SANTA FE, N.M. – The Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP) Board approved funding to help train 48 more employees during the April 2023 meeting, New Mexico Economic Development Department (EDD) Cabinet Secretary Alicia J. Keyes announced today.

JTIP continues to be an effective program in assisting businesses to expand the workforce by reimbursing them a percentage of employees' training costs. Companies are responsible for hiring and training the workers and for meeting certain benchmark requirements before receiving funds.

"JTIP is a powerful incentive to promote the hiring local workers," Secretary Keyes said. "It's exciting to see new companies taking advantage of the program to create higher-paying jobs across New Mexico."

This month the JTIP board reviewed and approved applications from companies in Albuquerque, Bernalillo, Las Vegas, Santa Fe, and Taos. All of the positions offered are high wage, many in rural and frontier areas, allowing for higher levels of reimbursements to those businesses. The total amount of funding allotted for this month is \$768,156.56.

The eight companies receiving JTIP awards are:

3D Glass Solutions, Inc., Albuquerque, 2 trainees at an average wage of \$90.15 for a total award of \$103,131.60. 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.

Amfabsteel, Inc., Bernalillo, 18 trainees at an average wage of \$23.44 for a total award of \$245,514.60. Amfabsteel, Inc. is a design-build structural steel fabricator nationally known for their design build, design assist, and more widely known for developing the technology to take a project from concept through fabrication almost completely digitally.

B PUBLIC Prefab, PBC, Santa Fe and Las Vegas, N.M. 16 trainees. Santa Fe location seeks to hire 4 trainees at an average wage of \$28.88 for a total award of \$62,494.08 and Las Vegas has been approved for 12 trainees at an average wage of \$25.76 for a total award of \$195,165.28. B.PUBLIC Prefab is a woman-owned Public Benefit Corporation (PBC)

with explicit goals to create regional green jobs and make corporate decisions that protect the environment and increase accessibility to high-performance buildings for all new construction. B.PUBLIC Prefab wall system creates high-performance building envelopes for new residential construction. This is their first JTIP application.

[Loteria Paleteria Hecho in Taos LLC](#), Taos, 1 trainee at a wage of \$19.77 for a total award of \$13,902.80. Since 2017, paletas have become more and more popular in the state of New Mexico due to the opening of the Paleta Bar. Even though Paleta Bar businesses were opening in several locations in New Mexico, the closest Paleta Bar to Taos was in Santa Fe, 68 miles away from Taos. Loteria Paleteria took the challenge to fulfill the need. This is their first JTIP application.

[Tajin International, dba Paulita's New Mexico LLC](#), Tucumcari, 3 trainees at an average wage of \$18.34 for a total award of \$40,864.40. Paulita's provides a custom dehydrated New Mexico green chile to the world. Tajin is the world's largest consumer of chile and manufactures chile products in Mexico. Paulita's is the vehicle Tajin has chosen to expand their operations into the United States by reaching a broader flavor and taste base. This is their first JTIP application.

Phat Steel, Inc., Bernalillo, 5 trainees at an average wage of \$19.10 for a total award of \$65,426. Phat Steel, Inc., a subsidiary of **[Amfabsteel](#)**, has fabricated miscellaneous steel to be used in healthcare and hospitals, office buildings, casinos, industrial and technological buildings, hotels, condominiums, and national laboratories. The majority of projects are in the Southwest, including New Mexico, Arizona, California, and Oklahoma.

[Milkweed & Monarch LLC, dba tea.o.graphy](#), Taos, 2 trainees at an average wage of \$15.13 for a total award of \$15,774.80. Tea.o.graphy is a woman-owned, self-funded tea company specializing in hand-crafted, organic teas. tea.o.graphy was born in response to a need in the market for robust teas that could replace coffee habits.

[Vibrant Corporation](#), Albuquerque, 1 trainee at a wage of \$45.25 for a total award of \$25,883. Vibrant Corporation was formed to license PCRT technology for application to new markets. The company's revolutionary PCRT services support the worldwide aerospace, automotive, and power generation industries, and materials laboratories with unparalleled nondestructive testing (NDT). PCRT applications range from quality assurance and process capability assessment for original equipment manufacturers to in-service structural assessment and life monitoring for maintenance, repair, and overhaul organizations.

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