

# THE PATHFINDER



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## FROM THE SECRETARY



New Mexico's economy continues to reach defining moments.

This month, our state received national recognition for the work we've done building one of the most promising quantum ecosystems in the country. The Federal Laboratory Consortium honored New Mexico for being at the forefront of one of the most consequential industries shaping the future economy.

And they're not the only ones who've noticed. This edition of the Pathfinder includes a major feature story on our rising reputation in quantum and an opportunity for you to attend a national discussion highlighting why so many advanced tech companies are choosing New Mexico.

But this momentum goes beyond one industry. Our new Trade Ports initiative will help communities compete for jobs in manufacturing, logistics and global trade by building the infrastructure businesses need to move goods faster and to grow.

And on the small business front, Eden Pharmacy's expansion is exactly the kind of success we want to see more of — a homegrown business growing steadily, creating jobs, and proving that targeted economic development tools can help local companies scale and succeed.

Across all this work, the focus is on creating an economy built to last, one that gives New Mexico families more opportunity and a stronger future.

Rob Black  
Cabinet Secretary, Economic Development New Mexico

## NEWS



### National recognition for quantum momentum

The Federal Laboratory Consortium (FLC) has awarded the State of New Mexico, Sandia National Laboratories, and their partners with its State and Local Economic Development Award for building a quantum technology sector that has attracted five companies to the state in under two years.

“New Mexico has always been where America solves its hardest problems,” said **Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham**.

**In the news:** [Inside New Mexico's push to build a quantum startup hub](#)

[Read the press release](#)



## Trade Port Hub Designation Program

EDNM announces a new program to help build large-scale logistics and industrial hubs that move goods faster and create high-quality jobs across New Mexico. Local governments, tribal nations, EDOs and private partners are encouraged to apply. The application deadline is June 15.

“This is about making sure New Mexico grows in a way that creates opportunity in every corner of the state,” said **Rob Black, cabinet secretary for economic development**.

**In the news:** [New Mexico opens applications for trade port designations](#)

**Learn more and apply:** [edd.newmexico.gov/trade-ports](http://edd.newmexico.gov/trade-ports)

[Read the press release](#)



## Eden Pharmacy to add high-paying jobs in ABQ

Albuquerque-based Eden Pharmacy is expanding its operations with a \$2.7M investment in additional space and advanced infrastructure. The upgrade is projected to generate \$78M in economic impact over 10 years, with new positions averaging over \$69,000 in annual salary.

“Delivering on our mission takes a team that cares about the work as much as we do, and Albuquerque has given us that,” said **Eden CEO Adam McBride**.

**In the news:** [Eden Pharmacy expansion expected to create jobs, boost economic impact in Albuquerque](#)

[Read the press release](#)

## EDD OPPORTUNITIES

### Scout Cities Presents: Why Hard Tech Is Choosing New Mexico

Thursday, May 28 at 1pm  
60-minute virtual workshop + live Q&A

Over the past 18 months, Scout Cities has seen a surge of venture-backed companies actively asking about one state — New Mexico. Not for incentives alone. For speed. For capital. For execution.

This online state showcase will break it all down.

**Who should join:** If you're thinking about where to build next — you should be in this room.

- > Founders planning their next facility or expanded operations
- > Operators scaling manufacturing, energy, or deeptech
- > Investors guiding portfolio expansion

**Speakers:**

- Rob Black, Cabinet Secretary for Economic Development
- Chris Cassidy, Principal Asset Class Director for State Investment Council
- Brian Adams, Co-Founder & Managing Partner at UP.Abundance
- Ryan Abramson, Co-Founder & CEO at Scout Cities
- with special guests from Reliable Robotics and Pacific Fusion
- and a word from Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham



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NM CreativeCon

NM CreativeCon is a celebration of New Mexico's creative community, bringing together creative entrepreneurs, community partners and support organizations from across the state to connect, learn and share ideas.

**Only 2 events left!**

- May 30, Buffalo Thunder Casino, Pueblo of Pojoaque
- June 6, National Hispanic Cultural Center, Albuquerque (statewide celebration)

[Learn more and register at edd.newmexico.gov/CreativeCon](http://edd.newmexico.gov/CreativeCon)

**EDD GRANTS AND PROGRAMS**

**New Mexico Trade Ports Program – Now Accepting Applications**

The program supports the identification, evaluation and advancement of high-value logistics and industrial hubs that drive economic growth, job creation and investment opportunities.

- Deadline: Jun 15 at 5 pm MT
- Learn more at [edd.newmexico.gov/trade-ports](http://edd.newmexico.gov/trade-ports)

**Creative Industries Public Development Projects - Pre-Application**

CID invites public entities to submit public development project concepts that support creative industries. This is not a grant application. This pre-application phase allows public entities time to plan and outline projects that may be considered in a future funding opportunity anticipated in Fall 2026.

- Deadline: Jun 30 (6 pm MT)
- Grant Application Opens: Fall 2026
- Learn more and get webinar link: [edd.newmexico.gov/cid-grants](http://edd.newmexico.gov/cid-grants)

**EDD CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Senior Administrative Assistant – Technology & Innovation Office (Albuquerque)**

- Job ID 163873
- Apply by Jun 3

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**RESOURCE WRAP-UP**

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**Seeking partner for housing and economic development projects in ABQ**

The State Land Office has issued an RFI to solicit proposals from developers on the best uses of the parcels for long-term leases.

The 4 available sites are:

- Bataan Dr. SW & Coors Blvd. SW — 1.38 acres
- 10408 Central Ave. SE — 1.95 acres
- 421 Cutler Ave. NW — 0.58 acres
- 230 Truman St. NE — 0.599 acres (existing building)



Proposals are due to the State Land Office by Monday, July 6 at 5 pm.

## **For Businesses**

Rolling deadlines and ongoing opportunities:

- [NM CERG](#)
- [New Mexico True Certified](#)
- [Aggie I-Corps](#)
- [NM REAP](#)
- [Small Business bAlsics](#)
- [Amber Grants](#) - Monthly grants
- [Creative Capital Artist Lab](#)
- [CDFI Resource Library](#)
- [Black Business Alliance of Santa Fe](#)
- [Native Business Roundtables \(Santa Fe\)](#) last Thursday of each month
- [Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund](#)
- [NM REAP](#)
- [Energy Efficiency Assessments](#)
- [Santa Fe Small Business Navigator Program](#)
- [Native American Bank](#)
- [Main Street America's Small Business Hub](#)

[Applying Lean Thinking to Small-Scale Production](#) May 27

[Demystifying Financial Foundations: Income, Assets & Cash Flow](#) May 27

[Everything HR – for new and existing businesses](#) May 28

[WomensNet Mental & Emotional Support Business & Organizations Grants](#) Deadline May 31

[Black Business Owners Ingredients for Success Grant](#) Deadline Jun 1

[Art Is The Solution Grant](#) Deadline Jun 1

[Smart Money Program with AI + \\$5,000 mini-grants](#) Webinar Jun 1

[Pricing for Profitability and Growth networking and workshop](#) Jun 9 in Santa Fe

[EmpowHer Grant](#) Deadline Jun 15

[Fusion Supply Chain Trade Show \(Santa Fe\)](#) Jun 23-24

[Kirabo Grant for businesses in under-resourced communities](#) Deadline Jun 28

[OED Outdoor Rec Roundtable](#) Aug 6, Nov 5

## **Community & Nonprofit Resources**

Rolling deadlines and ongoing opportunities:

- [Main Street America Small Business Hub](#)
- [National Grassroots Organizing Grant Program](#)
- [Community Connect Program](#)
- [Anderson Charitable Foundation Grants](#)
- [WK Kellogg Foundation](#)
- [Technical Assistance Gateway \(TAG\)](#)
- [NM Grantmakers Directory](#)
- [American's Job Center New Mexico Open House Orientations every Monday](#)
- [Pro Bono Legal Services for Nonprofits](#)
- [The Grant Plant](#)
- [W.K. Kellogg Foundation Grants](#)

[Cybersecurity Education and Workforce Development](#) Deadline May 28

[Tax Counseling for the Elderly](#) Deadline May 31

[Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects](#) Deadline Jun 2

[Veterans Surplus Tour at the Santa Fe GSD](#) Jun 9

[Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Grant Program](#) Deadline Jun 22

[Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response \(SAFER\) Grant](#) Deadline Jun 22

[Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Subgrant](#) Deadline Jun 23

[Media Projects](#) Deadline Jun 25

[Rural Microentrepreneur Program \(RMAP\)](#) Deadline Jun 30

[Semiquincentennial Preservation Grants](#) Deadline Jun 30

[Annual Tribal Historic Preservation Office Grants](#) Deadline Jun 30

[WaterSMART: Applied Science Grants](#) Deadline Jul 8

[AI Upskill Accelerator Pilot Program](#) Deadline Jul 10

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