

MAJOR EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENTS: March 2019

JOB TRAINING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

At its March meeting, the New Mexico Economic Development Department's Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP) board approved \$1,490,611 in funding to support the creation of 184 jobs with six New Mexico companies, including: Carenet Healthcare Services, Albuquerque (108 jobs); Compass Components, Deming (30 jobs); OpenEye Scientific Software, Santa Fe (four jobs); Unity BPO, Albuquerque (17 jobs); The Boeing Company, Albuquerque (24 jobs); and Flow Science, Santa Fe (one job).

For details on JTIP funding, visit the Economic Development Department's website at <https://gonm.biz/business-development/edd-programs-for-business/job-training-incentive-program/>.

EXPANSIONS

News Date	Company	County	Current Employment	Comments
10/23/18	3D Glass Solutions	Bernalillo	16	3D Glass Solutions, a producer of glass semiconductor components, plans to expand from 16 employees to 150 in the next five years.
11/2/18	Ben E. Keith Co.	Bernalillo	111	Ben E. Keith Co., a food distributor, received an \$80 million industrial revenue bond (IRB) to build a new headquarters and plans to add up to 93 jobs locally. The company currently has 111 total employees.
10/19/18	Flagship Food Group	Bernalillo	na	Flagship Food Group, a food manufacturer, plans to add 90 jobs to its facility in Albuquerque immediately.
9/21/18	Indica Labs	Bernalillo	16	Indica Labs, a digital pathology software company based in Corrales, plans to relocate its headquarters to Albuquerque and add 58 new jobs.
9/19/18	Resilient Solutions 21 LLC	Bernalillo	20	Resilient Solutions 21 LLC, a data analytics and visualization tools company, plans to expand operations at its downtown Albuquerque headquarters. The company plans to hire an additional 80 employees, including data scientists, developers, designers, and other technology experts.
2/1/19	Tempur Sealy International Inc.	Bernalillo	140	Tempur Sealy plans to fill about 60 positions in its Albuquerque mattress manufacturing plant. The plant employed about 140 workers as of October 2018.
12/6/18	amfabsteel, Inc.	Sandoval	80	Amfabsteel, a Bernalillo steel fabrication and manufacturing firm, plans to double in size and add up to 80 skilled manufacturing jobs.
9/11/18	Intel Corp.	Sandoval	1,100	Intel Corp. plans to add 100 positions to its Rio Rancho plant to develop a new storage and memory technology.
12/18/18	PESCO	San Juan	320	PESCO, a manufacturer of equipment for the oil and gas industry, plans to expand its Farmington plant. The expansion will also add about 180 jobs, bringing the total workforce of the company to 500.

Contractions

News Date	Company	County	Current Empl.	Comments
10/5/18	Molina Healthcare	Bernalillo	na	Molina Healthcare filed a WARN notice in October 2018, announcing plans to lay off up to 381 people by December 3.

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Openings

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12/2/18	Amazon Studios	Bernalillo	100+	Amazon Studios and Roughcut TV began filming an unnamed pilot from early-through mid-December in Albuquerque. The production will employ 100 New Mexico crew members, six New Mexico actors, and approximately 160 local background performers.
3/25/19	CBS Television Studios*	Bernalillo	150+	In March 2019, CBS Television Studios began filming the first of ten episodes for the television series "Interrogation". The production will employ about 150 New Mexico crew members and approximately 250 local background performers per episode
10/19/18	Centurion Detention Health Services	Bernalillo	90	Centurion Detention Health Services, a subsidiary of Centene Corp., received a contract from the Bernalillo County Commission to provide health care for detainees in the Metropolitan Detention Center over the next four years. The contract begins January 2019 and the company will employ about 90 people.
2/9/19	Defined Fitness	Bernalillo	100	Defined Fitness will be breaking ground for a new gym on February 11th. The location will be on the west side of Albuquerque and will create 100 jobs.
9/21/18	Floor & Décor	Bernalillo	50	Floor & Décor, a flooring and tile store, opened its first New Mexico location. It will employ about 50 people.
2/13/19	Lending Solutions Inc.	Bernalillo	170	Lending Solutions Inc., a financial services firm, will open an office in Downtown Albuquerque in June or July 2019. The firm will have around 170 jobs in Albuquerque, most of which will be customer service positions.
10/15/18	Netflix	Bernalillo	1,000	Netflix plans to purchase Albuquerque Studios and turn the site into the company's principal production hub. The location would produce around 1,000 productions jobs a year.
10/31/18	Netflix	Bernalillo	260+	The Netflix series "Daybreak" will film from the end of November through the beginning of April 2019 in Albuquerque. The production will employ 260 New Mexico crew members, three New Mexico actors, and approximately 3,000 local background performers.
11/29/18	Dunkin' Donuts	Chaves	45	Dunkin' Donuts opened a location in Roswell at the end of December 2018. The location will employ about 45 people.
12/13/18	Admiral Cable	Doña Ana	350	Admiral Cable, a manufacturer of electrical cords along with industrial cables, plans to open a factory in Santa Teresa by 2020. The facility will employ around 350 people.
2/8/19	Ganymede Games	Doña Ana	51	Ganymede Games, a video game developer and publisher, plans to open a studio in downtown Las Cruces. The company plans to create as many as 51 new high-wage creative and technology jobs.
3/8/19	Waitr*	Doña Ana	100	Waitr, a food delivery app, plans to hire 100 people in Las Cruces as delivery drivers. The delivery service launched in Las Cruces on February 28, 2019.
1/12/19	Occidental Petroleum	Eddy	100	Occidental Petroleum plans to open a new field office and fabrication facility late 2019 or early 2020 in Carlsbad. The company will hire 100 employees for the facility.
9/12/18	Del Taco	Grant	50	Del Taco, a fast-food Mexican restaurant, plans to open a location in Silver City in early 2019. The restaurant plans to hire around 50 employees for the location.
11/21/18	Rhino Health LLC	McKinley	300-400	Rhino Health LLC, a South Korean medical glove manufacturer, was granted approval for \$30 million in industrial revenue bonds to help purchase equipment for a factory in Churchrock. The facility should bring in 300 to 400 jobs once all production lines are operating.
12/21/18	Medlin Ramps	Otero	45+	Medlin Ramps, a steel ramp and equipment manufacturer, plans to open a new facility in Alamogordo with a least 45 jobs.
12/13/18	Rocket City Family Fun Center	Otero	50	Rocket City Family Fun Center's opening has been delayed until January 4, 2019. The center, which has bowling, food, and other activities, will have a staff of about 50 people when it opens.
10/10/18	Apex Clean Energy	Quay	150-500	Apex Clean Energy plans to open a wind farm outside of Grady with 80 to 120 wind turbines to tentatively go online in 2020. The project should generate 500 jobs in the state, with 150 in Quay County. It is unknown how many of the jobs are permanent.
11/20/18	Defined Fitness	Santa Fe	25-50	Defined Fitness will be opening its first location in Santa Fe in 2019. According to the New Mexico Workforce Connection online system, employment ranges from 20 to 49 people at most Defined Fitness locations.

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1/29/19	Dion's Pizza	Santa Fe	50-99	The second Dion's Pizza location in Santa Fe could open as early as Summer 2019. According to the New Mexico Workforce Connection online system, the other Santa Fe location has 50-99 employees.
11/7/18	MGM Television	Santa Fe	150+	The MGM Television-produced EPIX series "Our Lady, LTD" will film in Santa Fe through March 2019. The production, starring Sir Ben Kingsley, will employ 150 New Mexico crew members, 40 New Mexico actors, and about 2,000 local background performers.
11/15/18	Tesuque Casino	Santa Fe	275	The Pueblo of Tesuque plans to open the Tesuque Casino, replacing the Camel Rock Casino, on November 23, 2018. The new casino will employ 275 people, compared to 200 at the previous facility.
11/13/18	Campfire	Statewide	100+	The Campfire-produced feature film "Rattlesnake" will film through mid-December 2018 in Santa Fe, Española, Las Vegas, Cochiti, and Abiquiu. The production will employ approximately 100 New Mexico crew members, 20 New Mexico actors, and about 100 local background performers.
9/24/18	Walt Disney Pictures	Statewide	180+	The Walt Disney Pictures-produced feature "Stargirl" will film in Albuquerque and Truth or Consequences from September through mid-November. The production will employ 180 New Mexico crew members, 20 New Mexico actors, and about 3,500 local background performers.

Closings

News Date	Company	County	Ending Empl.	Comments
2/25/19	Desert Hills of New Mexico	Bernalillo	242	Desert Hills of New Mexico, a residential treatment facility in Albuquerque, filed a Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) with the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, announcing layoffs of all 242 of the facility's employees. Layoffs will begin March 1-14, 2019.
11/9/18	Honeywell Aerospace	Bernalillo	na	Honeywell Aerospace is set to close down its Albuquerque plant and relocate productions to other facilities across the country. The company will not state how many employees work at the site, but news reports estimate the number could be in the hundreds. It is unknown if some of those employees might be relocated to other sites.
3/27/19	Sitel*	Bernalillo	700	Sitel Group announced that it will be closing its Albuquerque call center by the end of 2019. The closure will affect about 700 local employees.
11/8/18	Española Valley Nursing and Rehab	Rio Arriba	150	Española Valley Nursing and Rehab is set to close on December 31, 2018. Around 150 workers at the nursing home are set to lose their jobs as a result of the closure.
12/30/18	Kmart	Statewide	80+	The Kmart location in Albuquerque closed in early September. According to the New Mexico Workforce Connection online system, the Albuquerque store employs 50 to 99 people. Additionally, the Kmart in Roswell is set to close at the end of March 2019. The Roswell location employs about 30-35 employees.
2/20/19	Payless ShoeSource	Statewide	na	Payless ShoeSource filed for bankruptcy and will close all 18 of its stores in New Mexico. Stores in Carlsbad, Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Taos, Farmington, Gallup, and Santa Fe will close between March and May 2019.
10/16/18	Sears	Statewide	50-99	Sears will close its North Plains Mall location in Clovis by the end of the year. The store opened in 1958 at 701 Main Street. Additionally, Sears at Cottonwood Mall in Albuquerque will close in early September. Both locations employ 50 to 99 people, according to the New Mexico Workforce Connection online system. The final Sears location in the state, at Coronado Mall in Albuquerque, is also set to close after the company filed for bankruptcy.

* - INDICATES NEW ENTRY THIS MONTH.

** - INDICATES UPDATED INFORMATION IN ENTRY.

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"na" indicates information is not currently available.

Employment estimates are from various sources, including news reports, company websites, and the New Mexico Workforce Connection online system.