

"New Mexico unfortunately has had the reputation of not being predictable when it comes to business.

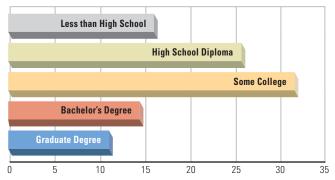
Companies are concerned about a lack of predictability. I let them know that the previous administration is gone and that the government is not in the business of selecting who are winners and who are losers."

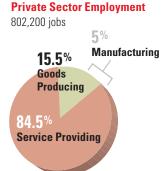
— Gov. Susana Martinez, Site Selection, March 2012

Governor: Susana Martinez (R) gonm.biz

Population 2011: 2,082,224 Population growth forecast 2012-2017: 4.65% Median household income: \$41,982

## **Work Force Education by Percentage**





Mature firm tax index rank: 22

New firm tax index rank: 16

Manufacturing Capex
2011 (35): \$1,188,206

Manufacturing Capex
on buildings and other
structures (36): \$158,178

Avg. industrial retail electricity
price (cents/kwh): 5.90

Avg. annual pay in mfg.: \$49,499

Median age: **36.6**Right-to-work state? **NO** 

## **Legislative Update**

- Among tax measures that passed were bills changing the way multistate corporations are required to file their corporate income taxes; gross receipts tax breaks for construction and manufacturing to stop so-called pyramiding; tax incentives for the proposed Tres Amigas SuperStation, linking the nation's three major electrical grids; a tax break for companies that hire returning veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan; and a uranium tax break for Urenco USA near Eunice. Among those failing to pass was Gov. Martinez's proposal to eliminate gross receipts taxes on small businesses.
- A bill passed reducing for 2012 the premiums businesses pay into the state's unemployment compensation fund for each employee, saving them about \$81 million; and raising that amount slightly in 2013.
- In August Martinez announced today that the State Purchasing Division has eliminated a vendor registration fee of \$100 per year for any

company seeking to do business with the state. The announcement followed a recent roll-out of a new online system that allows New Mexico contractors, architects, and others to submit construction plans online to the state for approval or revision. The state also recently announced that it will be implementing a new e-procurement system.

- In March Gov. Martinez signed legislation that will streamline the permitting process for geothermal energy companies.
- House Bill 123 continues the state's Angel Investment Tax Credit, which
  provides a personal tax credit of up to \$25,000 to accredited investors
  that invest in high technology R&D development or a manufacturing
  business in New Mexico. Angel investors have reported that they invest
  significantly more money to small New Mexico business due to the tax
  credit. This bill will allow the credit to continue until the end of 2016
  after it had previously expired at the end of 2011.

## Did You Know?

- The economic impact of Sandia National Laboratories for its fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2011, included nearly \$66 million in corporate taxes paid to the State of New Mexico and more than \$386 million in contractrelated payments to New Mexico businesses. Of Sandia's approximately 9,948 regular and temporary employees, 8,856 work at Sandia's New Mexico site. In FY 2011, out of 1,658 new hires, 584 graduated from a New Mexico university.
- Secretary of Homeland Security
  Janet Napolitano announced
  in August the publication of a
  notice of proposed rulemaking
  which would extend the border
  zone up to 55 miles, from the
  current 25 mile restriction, for
  non-immigrant Mexican national

## **Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2012**

| Company                    | City         | County     | Туре  | New/<br>Exp. | Product         | Investment<br>(\$millions) | Employment |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------|-------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Intrepid Potash            | Carlsbad     | Eddy       | MF    | N            | Potash          | \$130                      | 40         |
| Lowe's                     | Albuquerque  | Bernalillo | CC    | Е            | Home Centers    | 25                         | 300        |
| Friedman Recycling         | Albuquerque  | Bernalillo | DW    | N            | Recylcing       | 16                         |            |
| Admiral Beverage Corp.     | Albuquerque  | Bernalillo | MF/DW | Ν            | Beer            | 15                         | 20         |
| Western Baking Corp.       | Alamogordo   | Otero      | MF    | N            | Cookies         | 15                         | 300        |
| Vitality Works             | Albuquerque  | Bernalillo | HQ    | N            | Herbal Extracts | 4.5                        | 25         |
| Bendix/King (Honeywell)    | Albuquerque  | Bernalillo | HQ    | N            | Aircraft Parts  |                            | 140        |
| Bicycle Technologies Int'l | Santa Fe     | Santa Fe   | DW    | Ν            | Sporting Goods  | 3                          | 50         |
| Bizlink                    | Santa Teresa | Dona Ana   | MF    | N            | Cable Assembl   | ies                        | 70         |
| Stolar Research Corp.      | Rio Rancho   | Sandoval   | OF    | N            | Engineering     |                            | 50         |
| Tres Amigas Superstation   | Albuquerque  | Bernalillo | DW    | N            | Power Line Infr | rastructure                |            |
| Tres Amigas Superstation   | Albuquerque  | Bernalillo | HΩ    | N            | Power Line Infr | astructure                 | 75         |

 $MF = Manufacturing \quad OF = Office \quad HQ = Headquarters \quad RD = Research \quad \& \ Development \quad CC = Contact \ Center \quad DW = Distribution/Warehouse \qquad \qquad N = New \quad E = Expansion$ 

Border Crossing Card (BCC) holders in the state of New Mexico. This proposed change would allow BCC holders to travel to the towns of Deming and Las Cruces, N.M., stimulating commerce, trade and tourism activity

in the area

• Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry announced in November that he planned to use \$5 million in incentives clawbacks from the closing of Schott Solar's manufacturing plant to launch a new economic development action fund, to be used to close deals, as well as support marketing, company retention and workforce development.

