

PROGRAM: New Mexico Workforce Connection **Via Partner Organization**

AGENCY: Office of Workforce Training and Development

DESCRIPTION: The NM workforce connection is a system that is integrated and coordinated through the alignment of economic development, education and job training programs for the purpose of increasing employment, job retention and earnings of the citizens of New Mexico and competitiveness of our state's economy.

ELIGIBILITY: Target career clusters include

- Arts and Entertainment
- Information and Communication
- Business Services
- Energy and Environmental Technologies
- Health and Biosciences
- Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction
- Hospitality and Tourism

STRUCTURE: The connection works to

- Research the quality of the state's labor supply,
- Operates one-stop career centers,
- Provides business services including assistance
 - Hiring,
 - Screening Potential Employees,
 - Training Current Employees,
 - Retaining Your Valued Workers, and
 - Expanding Your Business.

QUALIFICATIONS/CRITERIA:

- One service is the career readiness certificate:
 - A portable credential – National /Regional / State
 - A tool to improve workforce skills and employment opportunities
 - Documents foundation skills necessary for workplace success
 - Based on Work Keys assessments
 - Initiated by OWTD – implementation planning driven by partnership of education, workforce, and economic development
 - This Certificate provides a portable credential that demonstrates that an individual has achieved the foundation skills necessary for success in the workplace. For example this certificate means the same thing in Alaska as in New Mexico.
- For more information, visit <http://www.state.nm.us/wc/> or call 505-827-6827.