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Job Fair a Success!

Espanola, NM. December 14, 2006. More than 40 employers and hundreds of job seekers, ranging from clerical staff to lab scientists and engineers from Los Alamos and surrounding counties, participated in last week's job fair at Northern New Mexico College in Espanola. The New Mexico Workforce Connection, Northern Area (NMWCNA), partnered with the New Mexico Department of Labor, the Governor's Office of Workforce Training and Development, and the Northern Area Local Workforce Development Board to host the event.

The job fair was put on to address the recent layoffs of hundreds of workers in Los Alamos and surrounding counties as part of NMWCNA's Rapid Response Plan, which provides workers with career services and training to facilitate a quick return to productive employment when layoffs occur. NMWCNA's services include resume assistance, beginning computer classes, work skills training, job search assistance, job referrals, pre-employment training, and short-term vocational training.

To learn more about future events or to take advantage of NMWCNA's free career and placement services, please call (505) 753-2908.

About the New Mexico Workforce Connection, Northern Area

The New Mexico Workforce Connection, Northern Area, is funded by the Northern Area Local Workforce Development Board. Their 10 One Stops are located in Santa Fe, Espanola, Los Alamos, Taos, Las Vegas, Mora, Raton, Farmington, Gallup, and Grants. The One Stops are staffed by professional career counselors to offer free career and placement services to unemployed and displaced workers in the 10-county area.