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**Environment Department Releases Green Business Permitting Guide to Help Spur
Green Jobs in the State**

Guide to Provide Business Assistance and Clean Energy Incentive for Green Industries

(Santa Fe, NM) The New Mexico Environment Department released the Green Business Permitting Guide to provide assistance and information about clean energy incentives for green industries that want to expand or move to the state.

The manual, which the Department created in collaboration with the Governor's Green Jobs Cabinet, makes it easier for green businesses to discover and navigate applicable incentives and permitting requirements.

"The guide offers valuable tools that will help attract green businesses and bring jobs to our state," said New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry. "The manual can help green businesses connect with resources around the state, evaluate applicable incentives and identify programs for specific businesses."

Green industries include renewable energy facilities (solar, wind, geothermal, transmission, manufacturing sector), biofuels (algae and crops), biogas production (manure, landfill, and wastewater), and energy efficient and green buildings (weatherization, retrofits/remodels, and new structures).

The manual synthesizes permitting information from nine state regulatory agencies by covering such topics as: Program description; types of permits or other approvals; applicable statutes and regulations; permit processing procedures; green industry specific information; agency contacts; and Web links. The guide provides permitting information on various state regulations that may govern the development of green resources and contains contacts and general information for federal, tribal, county and local entities in New Mexico. The business assistance section offers information on green business support, job training incentives, starting a business, business expansion and financing assistance, and contacts for various green industry groups in New Mexico. Available tax credits, tax deductions and other clean energy incentives are also listed.

Governor Richardson created the Green Jobs Cabinet in January 2009 to develop opportunities for clean energy, clean technology economic development and job creation in an effort to build the state's green economy.

Visit <http://www.edd.state.nm.us/greenEconomy/overview/nmGreenBusinessPermittingGuide.pdf> to see a copy of the guide.

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