

# United States Senate

April 30, 2009

The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Capitol, S-128  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran  
Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Capitol, S-128  
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The Honorable Richard Durbin  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Financial Services  
and General Government  
Dirksen 184  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Susan Collins  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Financial Services  
and General Government  
Hart 125  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Inouye, Vice Chair Cochran, Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Collins:

As your Subcommittee begins to mark-up the Financial Services and General Government fiscal year 2010 appropriations bill, I respectfully request your attention to the following projects that are very important to New Mexico. The need for comprehensive financial and government assistance remains high in New Mexico. Because of New Mexico's vast geography and high poverty rates, many rural, border, and tribal communities lack sufficient resources to meet the basic needs and provide essential government services to their populations.

## **Financial Services and General Government**

### **Adelante Development Center ACCENT Program**

Adelante Development Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Adelante requests \$1,000,000 in order to launch a document imaging program, and document destruction service to provide high-quality document scanning services to customers while providing employment opportunities for people with disabilities. The active employment of hundreds of special needs adult is in the taxpayers' interest.

### **Center for Applied Science Engineering (CASE) Facility**

CASE Facility, Santa Fe, New Mexico

The CASE program requests \$2,000,000 for site acquisition, design, and construction of a facility to house private and public sector research activities with a goal of producing new solutions to the energy and climate challenges as well as work in areas such as healthcare, water resources, the economy, and education. The research into these important areas as well as job creation are in the taxpayers' interest.

### **Española Business Incubator**

Española, New Mexico

The City of Española request \$2,000,000 for the design and construction of a business incubator building for start-up businesses across the Española Valley. The business development and job creation related to this project is in the taxpayers' interest.

### **The Ilfeld Warehouse Business Incubator**

The City of Santa Rosa, New Mexico

The Ilfeld Warehouse Business Incubator program requests \$1,300,000 for the construction of a facility to serve as an anchor for the Downtown Central Business District. The City of Santa Rosa will utilize the Ilfeld Warehouse building to house specialty businesses. As a business incubator the project will be utilized to assist with public/private partnership business start-ups and encourage business owners such as an art gallery and antique shop, Route 66 era museum, farmers market, brew pub, and an arts and culture headquarters. The building promotes historic preservation as well as business creations in the taxpayers' interest.

### **Isleta Basalt Project**

The Pueblo of Isleta, Isleta, New Mexico

The Pueblo of Isleta requests \$1,000,000 for the purchase of equipment necessary to develop their small business involved in the manufacture of construction aggregate materials for the Greater Albuquerque area. The business will be involved in drilling, crushing and screening basalt materials located on tribal land for use as construction aggregate. The business development and job creation related to this project is in the taxpayers' interest.

### **New Mexico State University Arrowhead Center**

New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico

The NMSU Arrowhead Center requests \$2,500,000 in order to expand their small business incubator programs. The requested funds will incubate local companies through the provision of general business assistance in the areas of management, human resources, financing, accounting, marketing, funding opportunities, entrepreneurial educations, training and networking and technology development assistance in the innovation clusters of national security, digital media, aerospace, bio-science, and alternative energy. The Arrowhead Center has a demonstrated history of successful business incubation and innovation which serves the taxpayers interests in seeing expanded business, job, and financial opportunity.

### **Northern New Mexico Wood Business Park**

San Miguel County, Las Vegas, New Mexico

San Miguel County requests \$1,904,120 to complete extensive improvements to Northern New Mexico Wood Business Park including upgrades to fire protection lines, drainage, liquid waste disposal and completion of an existing railroad spur. The project will encourage entrepreneurship in the community save and create significant number of new jobs in the area and will develop the wood related small industry while also reducing the threat of wild land fires, all areas in the taxpayers' interest.

### **Pueblo of Pojoaque Technology Upgrades**

The Pueblo of Pojoaque, New Mexico

The Pueblo of Pojoaque requests \$1,216,000 for the purchase of new computer software and hardware for the pueblo's administrative staff. The technology improvements will benefit the Pueblo's Early Childhood Center, Traditional Ceremonial Facility, Wellness Center, Behavioral Health Facility, and many other tribal programs. The upgrades will allow for more efficient and expanded operations of the Pueblo administration which is in the interests of the taxpayer.

### **Quality New Mexico**

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Quality New Mexico requests \$1,190,000 for the expansion of their existing programs. Quality New Mexico provides training, education, and formal business assessments to New Mexico businesses and organizations to strengthen their effectiveness and competitiveness, and thereby to promote economic development and job growth statewide in the interests of the taxpayer.

### **Renovation of Burke Junior H.S**

The City of Jal, New Mexico

The City of Jal requests \$500,000 for the renovation of the old Burke Junior High School building. The renovation will include replacement of the roof, windows, doors, plumbing and electrical systems in order to make the building suitable to house business ventures. The renovation will attract private industry to the area. The Louisiana Energy Services (LES) is locating a major processing facility in the area. The LES facility will create 90 full-time jobs and an additional 210 jobs will eventually be added. The operations for the LES facility need office space as will other associated industries that will move to the area. The expansion of business opportunities in the area is in the taxpayers' interest.

### **Spaceport America Telecommunications Infrastructure**

The State of New Mexico, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico

The State of New Mexico is requesting \$1,000,000 for the development of a fiber-optic communications framework within the Spaceport America site. Spaceport America is poised to advance the future private space travel industry. The spaceport will be the catalyst for a wide cross-section of jobs in engineering, training, research, education, and tourism and will be a leader in developing the commercial space industry. The development of this emerging industry and the associated job creation is in the taxpayers' interest.

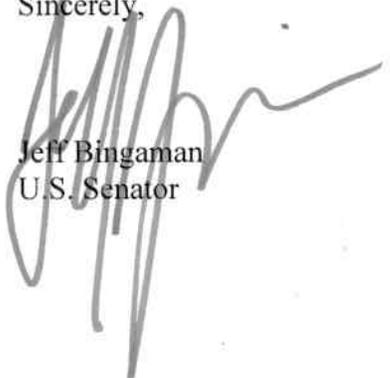
### **Valencia County Information Technology Program Upgrade and Training**

Valencia County, Los Lunas, New Mexico

Valencia County requests \$1,200,000 to replace and update Valencia County's IT hardware and software and provide training to the county's employees. The upgrades will allow for more efficient and expanded operations of the Pueblo administration which is in the interests of the taxpayer.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule ULIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. I further certify that I have posted a description of the items requested on my official website, along with the accompanying justification.

Sincerely,



Jeff Bingaman  
U.S. Senator