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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE TO CONTRACT WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE JOB TRAINING, DEVELOPMENT AND PLACEMENT AND EDUCATION TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS PURSUANT TO THE NEW MEXICO WORKS ACT.

WHEREAS, New Mexico must expend state funds to satisfy the maintenance of effort requirement to receive the temporary assistance for needy families block grant; and

WHEREAS, state funds must be expended on qualified state expenditures as defined in the temporary assistance for needy families block grant; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that participants as defined in the New Mexico Works Act be placed in programs that will immediately address their needs so that they may engage in work and move toward self-sufficiency; and

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1 WHEREAS, New Mexico has an existing network of qualified
2 community-based programs that deliver an array of support
3 services specially tailored to address the needs of particular
4 communities;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
6 OF NEW MEXICO that the executive, including the human services
7 department, children, youth and families department, labor
8 department, state department of public education and
9 department of health consider contracting for services with
10 the following qualified community-based programs in
11 communities throughout New Mexico to address the following
12 populations of participants as defined in the New Mexico Works
13 Act:

14 A. programs that provide job training, skill
15 assessment and job placement to participants as defined in the
16 New Mexico Works Act;

17 B. programs that deliver supported employment
18 services to participants with developmental disabilities as
19 defined in the New Mexico Works Act;

20 C. programs that train participants as defined in
21 the New Mexico Works Act for employment in developmental
22 disability community-based programs;

23 D. developmental disability early intervention
24 programs that provide support to participants as defined in
25 the New Mexico Works Act;

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1 E. training programs for persons providing
2 educational services to participants as defined in the New
3 Mexico Works Act, including Project Lead, a program at the
4 university of New Mexico that provides training in educational
5 administration development;

6 F. organizations that have the capability to
7 provide job training to female participants as defined in the
8 New Mexico Works Act;

9 G. organizations that have the capability to
10 screen for domestic violence and provide supportive services
11 to victims of domestic violence who are participants as
12 defined in the New Mexico Works Act;

13 H. local governments to develop employment
14 opportunities and to employ participants as defined in the New
15 Mexico Works Act;

16 I. programs that have the capability to provide
17 employment-related and supportive services, including training
18 and assistance to find permanent housing for homeless
19 participants as defined in the New Mexico Works Act;

20 J. outpatient alcohol and substance abuse programs
21 that not only treat participants as defined in the New Mexico
22 Works Act but also provide supportive services for overcoming
23 barriers to employment;

24 K. outpatient mental and behavioral health
25 programs that provide treatment and services to participants

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1 as defined in the New Mexico Works Act for overcoming barriers
2 to employment;

3 L. programs that will address the needs of non-
4 English speaking participants as defined in the New Mexico
5 Works Act;

6 M programs geared toward assisting teen parents
7 who are participants as defined in the New Mexico Works Act to
8 smoothly transition into post-secondary education, job
9 training or employment;

10 N. programs directed at preventing teen pregnancy;

11 O. tribal organizations that operate job training,
12 community service and other employment programs for
13 participants as defined in the New Mexico Works Act;

14 P. programs that will provide affordable,
15 accessible and adequate child care for participants as defined
16 in the New Mexico Works Act in rural areas;

17 Q. programs that will provide affordable,
18 accessible and adequate twenty-four-hour child care to
19 participants as defined in the New Mexico Works Act;

20 R. programs that incorporate child care and job
21 training for participants as defined in the New Mexico Works
22 Act;

23 S. alternative high schools that develop
24 specialized programs for self-sufficiency for teen parents who
25 are participants as defined in the New Mexico Works Act; and

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T. organizations that have the demonstrated ability to coordinate access to existing services for participants as defined in the New Mexico Works Act provided by the human services department, children, youth and families department, labor department, state department of public education and department of health; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the governor, secretaries of the human services department, children, youth and families department, labor department and department of health and the superintendent of public instruction.