

# **News Brief**

August 26, 2021



Last Day to Register for In-Person attendance is Wed. September 1, 2021

NMC will adhere to the state public health orders, which currently state that masks must be worn, regardless of vaccination status, in all indoor public settings except when eating or drinking. NMC is committed to providing a quality and safe event experience for both in-person and virtual

participants. Registrations for virtual participation will be accepted until Wednesday, September 22, 2021. Click on the links below:

Registration for County Members Fees for Virtual & In-Person Conference Agenda HERE

Counties Caring for Counties **Duty of Care** Special **Events** Registration for **Sponsors & Exhibitors** 

## NM Broadband State Price Agreements (Planning, Grant Writing, and Infrastructure):

NM DoIT has recently awarded nine vendors State Price Agreements (SPA) in support of Planning (6), Grant Writing (2), and Infrastructure (3) in support of Broadband. These State Price Agreements are open to all public agencies and tribal entities. To access link to the State Purchasing Division Statewide Price **Agreements**. The awardees by category include:

# **Broadband Planning Consulting**

 Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Columbia Telecommunications Corporation, Connected Nation, Inc, Finley Engineering Company, Inc., Gartner, Inc., Guidehouse, Inc.,

#### **Broadband Grant Writing**

Columbia Telecommunications Corporation, Finley Engineering Company, Inc.

#### **Broadband Infrastructure and Systems** Solutions

Harmonix Technologies, Inc., Plateau Telecommunications, Inc., Sacred Wind/SWC Telesolutions, Inc.

For help, contact Gar Clarke, George.clarke@state.nm.us

# NMC Hired a Rock Star!

claims examiner and in the industry since 1990. He moved to LA with a band to become a rock star after graduating from NMSU. Needing to eat, pay rent, and other basic necessities, he took a job as an insurance adjuster and that's page one of his 30+ year career. "I enjoy the challenge of claims and love NM, being a native of Dixon. Glad to be



# **Building Communities Through Digital Government (Survey)** ~Governing.com

Digital tools can foster

constituent engagement, increase accessibility, and enhance trust in

- 90% of local government leaders say it is important for local governments to build a sense of community through constituent
- 57% relied on virtual meetings; 44% relied on social media to promote constituent engagement
- 66% said engagement improved transparency
- Top IT priorities:
  - 1) Cybersecurity

**Impact New Mexico?** 

- 2) Constituent engagement
- 3) Disaster recovery
- 4) Hiring and retaining employees
- 5) Increasing departmental collaboration

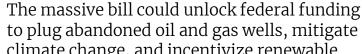
Moving forward: Ask what constituents want and need from government; consider ease of access; and think beyond one digital approach.



John Grant is the newest addition to the Multi-Line Claims Department. He previously worked for the NM Municipal League as a

part of this awesome organization."





How Will the Infrastructure Package

to plug abandoned oil and gas wells, mitigate climate change, and incentivize renewable energy.

All those issues have strong implications for New Mexico, a state that relies heavily on fossil fuels as a national leader in the production of oil and gas. U.S. Sen. Lujan's Revive Economic Growth and Reclaim Orphaned Wells (REGROW) Act was included in the infrastructure package, and he argued it was a means to provide jobs during low periods in oil and gas operations while also mitigating a threat to the environment. ~Governing.com



There's one week left to get the early bird discount. Join the fun and register. The New Mexico

Outdoor Economics Conference, happening in Farmington from **Sept. 29 – Oct 1**, will feature informative panel discussions with top <u>national experts, fun outdoor tours</u>, the Wild and Scenic Film Festival, an outdoor expo, evening receptions, and more! Scholarships available for complimentary registration and lodging for the nights of Sept. 29 and 30 on a first come first serve basis and limited to two per jurisdiction. Interested? Contact russhbs@yahoo.com or call 575-640-8283.

# **Deadline Extended for Gathering of** Counties Day—September 16, 2021

**Event Registration Link** 

https://statefair.exponm.com/p/things-todo/mainstreet/application-sept-16

NM EDGE Roadmap September Schedule

**USDA Rural Development Offers 1%** Loans to Refurbish Homes Located in

**Rural NM** Deadline August 31, 2021 for counties to submit Fiscal Recovery Fund reports to

U.S. Treasury with pop. 250,000 & above

# **Link to NMC Meetings Annual Calendar Link to NMC Loss Prevention Trainings RSVP**

All trainings open to county elected officials & employees Mon Aug 30-3 First Line Supervisor 40 Hr 8AM-5PM ABQ

Tue Aug 31 NACo Webinar: ARPA and equity: Long-term planning for local governments Noon-1PM

Wed Sep 8-9 OSHA 10 Hr Outreach 8AM-4PM McKinley County Thu Sep 16 Gathering of Counties, NM State Fair—Booth

setup 6AM-8:30AM; ends 3PM, vaccination proof required & masks **Tue, Thu in Sep** NM EDGE classes 9/14, 9/16, 9/23, 9/28,

9/30 Live online; in-person 9/20-9/21 Tue Sep 21-23 NMC 84th Annual Conference, Lea County

(Hobbs) hybrid in-person and virtual Legislative Initiatives Review 10AM-Noon Wed Sep 29 Thu Oct 7-8 NMC Board of Directors legislative meeting 2PM & Board meeting 8:30AM Bernalillo

County, Albuquerque

Mon Oct 25–26 Virtual Infrastructure Finance Conference Thu Oct 28-29 Virtual Wildland Urban Fire Summit (WUFS) Thu Nov 4-5 NMCIA Retreat and Board meeting location

Nov NMC Executive Committee meeting 2PM

NMC Office Date TBD NMC /NMML Joint Legislative meeting 9AM Nov

Santa Fe County Date TBD

Tue Nov 30 Advisory Council meeting 11 AM TBD Wed Dec 8 NMCIA Board meeting 8:30 AM NMC Santa

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