

Adventure Awaits in  LEA COUNTY
NEW MEXICO

84th Annual Conference

September 21-23, 2021

Lea County, New Mexico

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

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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,
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Building Communities Through Digital Government (Survey)

~Governing.com
Digital tools can foster constituent engagement, increase accessibility, and enhance trust in

government.

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



NMC Hired a Rock Star!

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

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 part of this awesome organization."



How Will the Infrastructure Package Impact New Mexico?

The massive bill could unlock federal funding 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



Outdoor Economics CONFERENCE

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 national experts, fun outdoor tours](#), 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 russlbs@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-to-do/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

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| 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 |
| Wed Sep 29 | Legislative Initiatives Review 10AM-Noon |
| 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 TBD |
| Nov | NMC Executive Committee meeting 2PM NMC Office Date TBD |
| Nov | NMC /NMML Joint Legislative meeting 9AM 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 Fe TBD |

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