

# **News Brief**

February 24, 2022



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**T is for Training!** NM EDGE, a service of NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service, is a program designed to provide a comprehensive course of study to administrators, managers, elected officials, and staff in local, state, tribal, and national government, through which participants can acquire and apply the best practices and theory to their management behaviors and strategies using the highest professional standards. Since 2004, NMC continues to support the NM EDGE program and assists with

the development and updates on core curriculum. The program continues to grow and evolve to help other public sector entities have a better educated workforce and thus better government through education. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity! NM **E**ducation **D**esigned to **G**enerate **E**xcellence in the Public Sector. Check out the **NM EDGE Website** 

## Preview FB Post for Friday, February 25:





Please continue to share the latest video from Eddy County Sheriff and watch for video # 4 coming soon: <a href="https://fb.watch/bnlQB4lTiS/">https://fb.watch/bnlQB4lTiS/</a> We are in this together. #33StrongNMCounties

#### Can Unions Help Ward Off a Public-Sector Workforce Crisis? ~governing.com

Half of public-sector workers are considering leaving their jobs. Unions have stepped up their role in retention and recruitment, but the ongoing lack of normalcy remains a serious challenge.

The great resignation and its rethinking of work, driven by burnout, desire for better pay, and dissatisfaction with working conditions and culture, has been accompanied by renewed interest in unions. A Sept. Gallup poll found that more Americans approve of unions than any time since 1965. In 2021, over 10% of all wage and salary members were union members. Half are from the private sector and half from the public sector, even though the public sector employs only about 15% of the workforce. More than 4 in 10 local government workers, and more than 3 in 10 in state government, have union affiliations. New **Mexico** has 7.5% of all workers who are union members. Besides burnout and better compensation, employees want recognition of the risks they've been taking during the pandemic: addressing the personal consequences of stress and safety concerns.





**NMC Loss Prevention First Line Supervisor Training** in Sandoval County this week with Taos, Valencia, Rio Arriba, McKinley, San Juan, Quay, Sierra, Cibola, Bernalillo, and Los Alamos Counties in attendance.

# **Solid Waste Bureau Now Accepting** Recycling and Illegal Dumping (RAID) **Grant Applications for FY 2023**

Applications here accepted for scrap tire management, illegal dumpsite abatement, waste diversion, and recycling and composting projects. \$533,000 awarded for scrap tire management (2/3) and tire abatement projects and \$267,000 (1/3) for recycling projects and non-tire illegal dumpsite abatement for a total of \$800,000. No matching funds or in-kind contributions required but are encouraged. Applications due by March 25, 2022 5PM by email, mail, or fax. Grants awarded on competitive basis. Contact 505-827-0197 or <a href="mailto:swb.inbox@state.nm.us">swb.inbox@state.nm.us</a>.

## **Construction Programs Bureau Rural** Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program -Funds Available in 4-6 Weeks

Rural Infrastructure Program

- 2.375% interest loans up to 20 years for water, wastewater, solid waste projects
- Maximum borrowed \$2 million/year
- Municipalities with population <20,000 or counties < 200,000
- Applications here Contact NMENVcpbinfo@state.nm.us or 505-469-3365

Wed Mar 2 Webinar-Jail Reentry for People

with Substance Use Disorders Part 1 Noon-1

# Link to NMC Meetings Annual Calendar

All trainings open to county elected officials & employees Tue & Thu Mar NM EDGE Classes Live Online, Mar. 8, 10, 15,

17, 22, 24, 29, 31

Wed Mar 23

Thu Mar 24

Thu Mar 31

Fri May 6

Wed Aug 10

Legislative Regional meeting 10AM

Doña Ana County Legislative Regional meeting 10AM

Chaves County Tue Mar 29 Legislative Regional meeting 10AM

San Miguel County Legislative Regional meeting 10AM Wed Mar 30 Bernalillo County

Legislative Regional meeting 10AM San Juan County

Wed Apr 6 NMC Executive Committee Budget meeting

10AM Santa Fe County

Advisory Council meeting 11AM Bernalillo Wed Apr 20 County

NMC Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM San

Miguel county NMCIA Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM Wed May 11

TBD

WIR Annual conference Anchorage, AK Wed May 18-20 Mon Jun 13-17 NMC Annual Conference Bernalillo County Mon Jun 13-14 NM EDGE Classes Live Online /TBD

Thu Jun 16 NMC Board of Directors meeting 4PM Bernalillo County

Thu Jul 21-24 NACo Annual Conference Adams County,

Aurora CO

Fri Aug 5 NMC Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM

Valencia County NMCIA Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM

Albuquerque, Bernalillo County Wed Aug 31-2 NMML Annual Conference Albuquerque

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