

# EAGA Business Builder

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## Today's speakers were Kimberly Logan and Lori Long—America's Job Center New Mexico

Our guest speaker presentation this morning was arranged by Manny Santos—Express Employment Services. Although America's Job Center New Mexico (formerly called New Mexico Workforce Connection) could be considered a competitor of his company, Manny thought it important that you be made aware of the many different, and potentially beneficial employee hiring and training programs that are available for your business. AJCNM is funded entirely by federal money (although most other states also contribute funding, NM does not). The idea is for AJCNM to assist the state with increasing and maintaining a skilled workforce. The entity provides a mechanism whereby an employer can take advantage of a large variety of programs that encourage hiring, training and/or upgrading skills. The encouragement comes in the form of reimbursement for employee wages (and often reimbursement of other related costs too). The reimbursements can last from a few months to a year, depending the program involved. The system comes with the ever-present huge amount of paperwork for entry, but once the quality standards are verified and the paperwork has been approved, that sort of 'red-tape' calms down quite a bit. In addition to the reimbursement opportunities for the employer, the employee can achieve many benefits as well. Those include receiving new or advanced training without having to incur student debt; having an opportunity to earn nationally recognized certifications; and gaining a much better likelihood for long-term employment. America's Job Center New Mexico has offices in many communities throughout the state and you can contact any one of them to get specific information about what AJCNM offers. You can also visit their website <https://www.wccnm.org> to get more information. Thank you to Ms. Logan and Ms. Long for taking the time to bring the information to us. And thank you to Manny for making the arrangements.

- ◆ We are very sad to note the passing of IB Hoover. Mr. Hoover was a great member for many years before relinquishing his seat to his son, Bruce. We send our prayers and condolences to the Hoover family. IB was a good man, and a great friend to many of us. He will be missed. We will let our members know when services have been set.
- ◆ The EAGA golf tournament will be at Santa Ana Golf Course on May 10th. Starting time is 1:30pm. There is not a charge for EAGA members. Guests are welcome (\$85.00 fee). Sign-up sheets will be circulating at the Tuesday morning breakfasts, but tie is running short to get your name on the list. Loaner clubs are available if needed. If you have any questions, please contact this year's event organizer John Mead (505-342-9200).
- ◆ We need Badge Board Greeters for some Tuesdays in May, and meetings beyond. That sheet is available at the badge table each Tuesday so you can sign-up when you come to breakfast.

## Badge Board Greeters

- Apr 15<sup>th</sup> Johnny Carroll—ABQ Headshot & Portrait
- Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> Randy Allen—Next Level
- Apr 29<sup>th</sup> Rick Shubert—Lifetime Green Coatings
- May 06<sup>th</sup>
- May 13<sup>th</sup> Johnny Carroll—ABQ Headshot & Portrait
- May 20<sup>th</sup>

## Scheduled Speakers

- Apr 15<sup>th</sup> Tim Stewart—Impact Nations
- Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> Mark Tobiassen with guest UNM head football coach Jason Eck
- Apr 29<sup>th</sup> Guest Speaker—Dr. Tracy Bower—Steelcase
- May 06<sup>th</sup> Guest Speaker—Colonel David Wyrick, Deputy Commander 377th Air Base Wing, Kirtland AFB
- May 13<sup>th</sup> Jerry Schalow—Rio Rancho Regional Chamber of Commerce
- May 20<sup>th</sup> Lawrence Herrera—The Performance Ranch

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