

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

**Public Hearing.** The Economic Development Department (EDD) will be hosting a virtual meeting and rule hearing on Thursday, May 6, 2021 beginning at 9:00am. For instructions on how to virtually attend this meeting, visit the Department's website at: <https://gonm.biz/business-development/edd-programs-for-business/job-training-incentive-program/> The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public input on the proposed amendment to 5.5.50 NMAC, Industrial Development Training Program (Job Training Incentive Program) and address additional changes that may have been suggested by the Industrial Training Board or other interested parties during the public comment period.

**Rule Change Information:** The purpose of this rule change is to consider adding language that addresses remote work and retaining current COVID-19 language in policy. Additionally, a revision to STEP-UP policy to eliminate the cap on the number of employees an urban company has for eligibility.

**Statutory Authorization:**

Section 21-19-7 NMSA 1978 grants the Industrial Training Board the authority to promulgate and enforce rule.

**Public comment:** Interested individuals are strongly encouraged to submit written comments regarding the proposed rulemaking relating to the Job Training Incentive Program to Patrick Gannon, JTIP Program Manager, at [patrick.gannon@state.nm.us](mailto:patrick.gannon@state.nm.us). Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. The EDD encourages the early submission of written comments. Individuals may also testify at the public hearing.

Copies of the proposed changes may be accessed through EDD's website <https://gonm.biz/business-development/edd-programs-for-business/job-training-incentive-program/> or from Patrick Gannon at the contact above.

Individuals with disabilities who require this information in an alternative format or need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in this hearing are asked to contact Patrick Gannon as soon as possible. The EDD requests at least ten days advanced notice to provide requested special accommodations.