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## **NM Human Services Department Selects Finalist for Statewide New Mexico Works Program Provider**

*Santa Fe, New Mexico* – The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) has selected a finalist for the next contractor for the New Mexico Works Program, following an extensive review of all three written proposals, oral presentations, and best and final offers.

The Department is currently in contract negotiations with Arbor Education and Training to provide New Mexico Works Program support services for families eligible for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program.

Some of the services provided through the contract include case management, career planning, skills training, education, transportation assistance and other support services that are instrumental in helping TANF parents become employed.

An award of the contract is contingent upon the successful completion of negotiations. Once finalized, the contract with Arbor will be signed by all parties, and Arbor will begin serving New Mexicans through the New Mexico Works Program on July 1, 2010.

Part of the proposed contract with Arbor, includes an agreement from Arbor to offer priority review of the resumes of current staff engaged with the New Mexico Works program as they prepare to staff those positions.

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