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**City of Santa Fe Will Showcase Green Jobs  
Training Programs for Visiting Tucson Delegation**

*June 25 Event Includes Tours, Discussions with Educational,  
Governmental and Business Leaders*

**Santa Fe, NM, June 23, 2009** — Santa Fe Community College and the City of Santa Fe are being examined as potential models for green workforce training by a delegation of representatives from the City of Tucson. Developing green jobs is an interest Tucson shares with Santa Fe and many other cities in the Southwest. In order to learn more about how they might create green jobs programs and facilities in Tucson, the delegation will take part in a whirlwind tour of key workforce development activities in Santa Fe, as well as meet with some of the key leadership involved in Santa Fe's green workforce development efforts.

Santa Fe Mayor David Coss, along with members of the City Council and Santa Fe County Commissioners Harry Montoya and Kathy Holian (represented by Duncan Sill, Economic Development, Santa Fe County), will greet the delegation from the City of Tucson on Thursday, June 25, at the Santa Fe Community Convention Center. The Tucson delegation includes the Chairman of the Pima County Board of Supervisors, Pima County Interfaith Council representatives, several Vice Presidents of Pima Community College and JobPath, Inc., a Tucson job training organization.

The Tucson visitors will investigate the structure and funding of the Santa Fe City and County efforts that have led to the creation of Santa Fe Community College's Sustainable Technologies Center (STC) and green job placement programs with YouthWorks and the Santa Fe Alliance. The delegation will also hear from New Mexico Economic Development Department, Environment Department and Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department representatives on state policy initiatives designed to promote green jobs training programs.

The delegation will tour SFCC and be briefed on the new STC building, as well as current and forthcoming programs. They will also meet with STC director Randy Grissom and SFCC Board Members Chris Abeyta, Carole Brito and Andrea Bermudez. Sponsoring agencies and state policy representatives will make presentations during the delegation's one-and-a-half day visit. Brendan Miller of NMEDD will report on the activities of the Governor's Green Jobs Cabinet, which has been charged with stimulating green job creation and ensuring that New Mexicans are prepared for emerging green jobs (Find more info at [www.edd.state.nm.us/greenEconomy/overview/index.html](http://www.edd.state.nm.us/greenEconomy/overview/index.html)). Emily Geery of the New Mexico Environment Department will describe the SFCC Climate Masters program which complements many green jobs initiatives and covers a range of other topics.

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Mayor Coss and City Council members will greet the Tucson Delegation at 9 a.m. Thursday, June 25, at the Santa Fe Community Convention Center. Following the morning meeting, the delegation will break for lunch to tour the SFCC campus and view its green-based initiatives, including a woodchip-fed biomass boiler that heats and cools the entire main campus. They will then visit the YouthWorks program facilities. An evening reception for the delegation will be hosted by the Wells Fargo Bank Highlands Market President, Kathy King.

On Friday, the delegation will meet with Santa Fe Alliance Board Chair, Roy Wroth, and participating businesses. They will also attend a presentation by Craig O'Hare, Special Assistant for Renewable Energy at EMNRD.

The Los Alamos National Laboratory LINK program has been instrumental in arranging sponsorship by Wells Fargo Bank & New Mexico Community Capital Corporation for the local events and venues involved in the delegation visit.

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