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Who Operates the Very Large Array?





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NRAO Impact in New Mexico



National Radio

Astronomy Observatory



• GPS support • Space situational awareness

> Management of electromagnetic spectrum

• 5G technology

• Satellite downlink

• Data processing techniques • Visualization tools

• Advances in complex senor techologies

• Advanced in sensitive electronics





ngVLA Expansion Needs



Removal of **Barriers to** Recruiting Employees



Viable Solutions to design and Development Needs

Building Pathways into STEM jobs



Attracting Tourists





National Radio Astronomy Observatory

Partnerships with State and Federal Agencies

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Federal partnerships include

• US Navy, NASA, Smithsonian, FCC

Historic Partnership with State

• Previous Visitor center development

New Mexico Tech and University of New Mexico

- Annual Symposium

Next Generation STEM Learning Center

- Total economic impact \$53M
- 387 jobs during construction
- **\$22.1M** in local income





Economic Impact of the Next Generation STEM Learning Center

Short Term (2026-2029) \$25.5M direct construction spending \$20M indirect & induced 387 jobs \$22.1M worker income Long Term (2029 on) 21 permanent local jobs \$1.23M annual worker income \$2.86M annual output Educational Infrastructure

- Federal CDS commitment
- Serve every K-12 student in New Mexico
- Enthusiastic stakeholder support
- Strong track record running STEM learning center in rural area

From economic impact study conducted by Dr. Kelly O'Donnell in 2024.







This is a unique opportunity for New Mexico to leverage this substantial federal investment to enhance scientific and educational prospects for students of all ages throughout the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today and thank you for your service to our state.

We are grateful for your time and consideration.

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