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SENATE BILL 530

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; CREATING A PROGRAM TO
ENCOURAGE SOLO-WORKER JOB CREATION AND INCREASE THE COMMERCIAL
REVENUE DERIVING FROM OUT-OF-STATE SOURCES; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Economic Development
Department Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] SOLO-WORKER PROGRAM.--

A. As used in this section:

(1) "economic-base job" means a job in which
sixty percent or more of the revenue generated from the goods
or services produced derives from outside of the state;

(2) "program agency" means a certified
business incubator, a community college or an organization

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1 whose purpose is to create jobs and promote economic
2 development; and

3 (3) "solo worker" means a person who is
4 engaged in full-time employment and whose employer, if any,
5 does not supply the office space or amenities used to perform
6 the person's work.

7 B. The "solo-worker program" is created in the
8 department. The purpose of the solo-worker program is to
9 improve the state's rural and urban economies by creating and
10 sustaining economic-base jobs and expanding businesses owned
11 and operated by solo workers engaged in economic-base jobs.

12 C. To carry out the purpose of the solo-worker
13 program, the department shall provide matching funding to
14 program agencies for advancing initiatives that:

15 (1) create opportunities for residents to
16 become solo workers engaged in economic-base jobs;

17 (2) support the continued employment and
18 business expansion of existing solo workers engaged in
19 economic-base jobs;

20 (3) recruit from outside of the state solo
21 workers engaged in economic-base jobs; and

22 (4) make the state and its local communities
23 more competitive for creating, attracting and retaining solo-
24 worker jobs."

25 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Five hundred thousand dollars

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1 (\$500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
2 economic development department for expenditure in fiscal year
3 2016 to implement the provisions of the solo-worker program.
4 Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
5 fiscal year 2016 shall revert to the general fund.