

# **DATA CENTERS**

New Mexico provides an environment with virtually no disruption risk, very competitive power costs, an abundance of renewable energy sources, access to top quality talent, and exceptional research and educational institutions. These factors have driven the growth of a vibrant and diverse IT ecosystem encompassing everything from major established software development companies to data centers to cutting edge start-ups and everything in between.

## LOW RISK, LOW COSTS, AND PLENTIFUL RENEWABLE ENERGY

New Mexico's prime location in the southwest provides an extremely low risk of disruptive weather events such as earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, flooding or other natural disasters.

New Mexico delivers some of the lowest electric rates in the nation, 15.8% below the national average. The state's primary electric utilities include PNM, Xcel Energy, and El Paso Electric. Trying to go green? We get that. New Mexico has long been a leader when it comes to renewable energy production. New Mexico's climate is ideal for solar and wind production, which can be used to power your project.



If you want to know what makes New Mexico the right place for data centers, ask **Facebook**. It's investing over \$1B in a new 2.8 million sq. ft. data center that will be powered by 100% renewable energy, and which is anticipated to employ 300 people when fully constructed.





An environment virtually free of natural disaster risk.



Affordable, sustainable energy costs.

#### **OUR TALENT**

Talent is essential to any successful business, and we've got plenty of it. Our commitment to developing, attracting, and retaining top talent is just one of the many reasons that the 2017 Business Facilities State Rankings Report listed New Mexico in the top ten for Economic Growth Potential and fifth for Workforce Training Leaders.

Relevant experienced talent is plentiful, with over 15,000 people employed in IT jobs in the state.

Additionally, New Mexico is home to a host of cutting-edge R&D institutions, including two Department of Energy National Labs - Sandia National Laboratory and Los Alamos National Laboratory - which employ approximately 24,000 people across a wide range of science, engineering, and technology specializations but with a strong focus on disciplines such as artificial intelligence, cyber security, supercomputing, big data, and imaging.



Plateau Communications will be opening the doors for a new data center in Clovis, NM June 2019. Connected with redundant fiber optic networks, this data center will offer co-location and computer virtualization services.

### **OUR UNIVERSITIES**

New Mexico is home to four comprehensive 4-year universities, seven independent community colleges, three cooperative education sites and many specialized learning facilities that all work together to ensure a robust pipeline of new talent throughout the state.

The University of New Mexico is a comprehensive, Carnegie designated Research 1 University and is the nation's only flagship state university that is also a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI). UNM is a place where cutting-edge research and creative endeavors flourish.

New Mexico State University enrolls more than 15,000 students from 49 states and 89 foreign countries. NMSU serves a multi-cultural population of students and community members across the state at five campuses, a satellite learning center in Albuquerque, cooperative extension offices located in each of New Mexico's 33 counties, and 12 agriculture research and science centers.

New Mexico Tech serves the state and beyond through education, research, and service, focused in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. NMT has more than a dozen research divisions that work with private industry, government agencies, and other universities to contribute ground-breaking research to the scientific community and the world of industry, science, and engineering.

## **ABOUT US**



The New Mexico Partnership is designated by the State of New Mexico to be the single-point-of-contact for locating and expanding businesses in New Mexico. We offer a coordinated approach and a formal network of economic developers to simplify the site selection process by providing expertise on talent, critical infrastructure, educational and R&D institutions, real estate and facilities, incentives, and all the other factors that go into a business location decision. Visit us at www.NMPartnership.com to find out more.