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## **Virgin Galactic and Netflix to Speak at the AED Quarterly Investors' Luncheon on December 5**

ALBUQUERQUE – **George T. Whitesides, CEO of Virgin Galactic**, and **Nick Maniatis, Head of North American Production Policy for Netflix**, will be the two keynote speakers at the Albuquerque Economic Development, Inc. Quarterly Investors' Luncheon on Dec. 5.

Virgin Galactic, which announced earlier this year that it is relocating to Spaceport America in New Mexico, is planning to begin commercial space flights as early as 2020. At the luncheon, Mr. Whitesides will provide an inside look at Virgin Galactic's operations and share what's next for the company in the state.

Netflix announced in 2018 that it would be buying the 28-acre ABQ Studios – complete with eight sound stages – creating thousands of jobs and investing \$1 billion in production over the next 10 years. Mr. Maniatis will talk about the company's operations in New Mexico.

**AED President Gary Tonjes** will provide an update about AED's current recruitment and existing business development activities.

<b>WHEN</b>	Thursday, Dec. 5 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., lunch served at noon
<b>WHERE</b>	Hyatt Regency Albuquerque 330 Tijeras Ave. NW Albuquerque, NM 87102
<b>TICKETS</b>	\$40 for AED members, \$100 for nonmembers, \$400 for tables of 10 <b><u>Registration closes Monday, Dec. 2.</u></b>
<b>INFO</b>	<a href="#">Register here.</a>

*This lunch is generously sponsored by AED members Aon and Bank of Albuquerque.*



### About AED

AED is a private, nonprofit organization whose mission is to recruit business and industry, help local companies grow and generate quality job opportunities throughout the Albuquerque metro area. AED provides confidential assistance to businesses considering the area for expansion and new investment. Since its creation in 1960, AED has recruited nearly 240 companies and more than 35,000 jobs to the Albuquerque metro area. AED also provides retention and expansion assistance to existing industry.