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## **Facebook Selects New Mexico for its Newest Data Center** *High-Tech Giant to Locate in Los Lunas*

LOS LUNAS, N.M. – Facebook announced today that it has selected the Albuquerque metro area for the location of its newest data center. The data center will be built in the Village of Los Lunas, and will be part of the highly advanced infrastructure that helps bring Facebook apps and services to people every day. Construction on Facebook’s data center will begin later this year, and it is expected to come online in late 2018.

In addition to its initial minimum commitment of 30 jobs and \$250 million in investment, Facebook expects the Los Lunas data center to support thousands of indirect jobs by way of construction, operations and services. The project represents the potential for multiple phases.

“We’re thrilled to have found a home in New Mexico and embark on this new partnership with the State of New Mexico and the Village of Los Lunas,” said Tom Furlong, Vice President of Infrastructure at Facebook. “Everything here has been as advertised — from the great set of community partners and strong pool of talent to the opportunity to power our facility with 100% renewable energy. New Mexico is a great place to do business. We’re excited to announce this initial investment and look forward to future phases of development.”

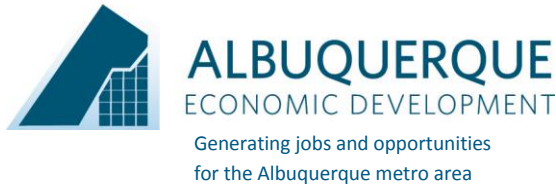
The announcement is the culmination of a year-long effort that began when Governor Susana Martinez led an economic development delegation to Northern California, which included Albuquerque Economic Development, Inc. President Gary Tonjes. The team met with company executives and highlighted New Mexico’s growing competitiveness for jobs and investment.

“Facebook is a stellar, cutting-edge, high-tech company, and it’s an honor to welcome them to New Mexico,” said Governor Martinez. “Making our state more competitive for jobs and new investment is critical to growing our private sector and diversifying our economy. With the improvements we’ve made over the past several years, New Mexico is finally competing again, and in this case, it’s a big win for the people of our state and our economic future.”

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Facebook has committed to buying local materials and hiring local employees to the greatest extent possible, as it prepares to build and staff a facility that will span more than 510,000 square feet in its initial phase — with the potential for multiple phases, which would create more full-time staffing jobs and construction positions.

“The people of Los Lunas are proud to call Facebook our neighbor,” said Village of Los Lunas Mayor Charles Griego. “As our community grows, we look forward to attracting even more high-tech jobs and significant construction projects to the area. We echo the Governor’s appreciation for Facebook’s desire to come to our state and the Village of Los Lunas and will continue to do everything we can to make New Mexico an outstanding place to do business.”

Facebook will power the facility with 100 percent renewable energy created by new solar and wind farms. The renewable energy supply will initially be composed of three new solar facilities built by an affiliate of PNM, with additional wind and solar energy secured in the future. The new solar and wind energy farms would not be built without the data center investment, and they also bring additional jobs and investments to the region.

“Having been involved in this competitive process from nearly day one, I want to thank Governor Martinez and Mayor Griego for the leadership they have shown,” said PNM CEO Pat Vincent-Collawn. “From an energy standpoint, this is a game-changing economic development project, but beyond that, it’s a testament to the potential of New Mexico to attract some of the greatest companies in the world to our state.”

Among other reasons the company selected New Mexico for the project, Facebook cited the state’s competitive business climate, strong workforce, commitment to infrastructure investment, and opportunities for renewable energy development.

“We’re thrilled that, out of all the choices it had, Facebook determined that New Mexico is the best place for its business investment,” said AED Chair Ray Smith. “This world-class company will give a tremendous boost to the community and the construction industry, and their decision will motivate other technology companies to consider the Albuquerque metro area as an outstanding place to grow their respective businesses.”

To stay up to date with the project, visit the [Los Lunas Data Center Facebook page](#).

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