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## **Carenet Healthcare Services to Create 244 New Jobs in Downtown Albuquerque** *Texas-Based Company*

**Albuquerque, N.M.** – Today, Governor Susana Martinez, Mayor Tim Keller and Albuquerque Economic Development, Inc. welcomed new employer Carenet Healthcare Services to Albuquerque. Carenet, which provides third-party healthcare support to private and public institutions throughout the United States, will create 244 jobs over the next two years.

"We are excited about expanding our operations into New Mexico and look forward to becoming an active part of the vibrant Albuquerque community," said John Erwin, CEO of Carenet Healthcare Services. "We are grateful to the governor's office as well as the other state, county and local officials who have been so cooperative and helpful in making our site selection an easy and simple process."

The San Antonio-based company, which is committing to downtown Albuquerque for a minimum of 10 years, will be leasing office space at 303 Roma Ave. NW. The company is investing \$3 million for tenant improvements and furniture, fixtures and equipment.

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"We are energized about offering meaningful employment opportunities to the people of New Mexico as together we unite Payers and Providers around the consumer to make the healthcare system healthier," said Mick Mazour, President of Carenet Healthcare Services.

The majority of positions are for full-time engagement specialists, those professionals who will be interacting with clients and their members. Carenet will hire 162 people in 2018, with the additional hires happening by the end of 2019.

"This is great news for Albuquerque and yet another positive result of the reforms implemented to grow and diversify our economy," Governor Martinez said. "We're seeing the results of our hard work to make New Mexico business friendly - companies like Carenet are choosing New Mexico while our homegrown companies continue to grow and thrive."

The company's expansion to Albuquerque will be supported by the Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) and the Job Training Incentive Program. The State of New Mexico will provide \$636,566 in LEDA funding. In addition, the City of Albuquerque will commit \$150,000 in LEDA funding to the project.

"I'm delighted to welcome Carenet Healthcare Services to downtown Albuquerque," stated Mayor Keller. "Our city has no shortage of homegrown innovation and talent, and we're ready to work with Carenet to expand our innovative economy while creating quality jobs in Albuquerque."



AED began working with the company in July of 2017, initially through a Texas-based site selection firm with whom AED has worked previously. AED hosted Carenet in Albuquerque on three separate occasions before the company made its final expansion decision.

"We're excited to welcome Carenet Healthcare Services to downtown Albuquerque, a company that offers support and solutions to positively influence members toward better health care choices," said Roberta Cooper Ramo, Chair of Albuquerque Economic Development, Inc. "Carenet also is contributing to the economic health of Albuquerque, committing to a 10-year lease downtown and creating 244 jobs for local residents. The company's investment in our community represents a potential economic impact of \$28 million."

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### **About Carenet Healthcare Services**

For nearly 30 years, Carenet Healthcare Services has been providing solutions that simplify healthcare experiences while influencing millions of healthcare consumers to make better health choices. The company has a proven track record of measurably improving the quality and lowering the cost of healthcare for over 100 healthcare clients. Award-winning solutions include Strategic Engagement, Clinical Activation, and Healthcare Advocacy and Navigation, which support ER avoidance, closing gaps in care, admission and readmission reduction, pharmacy-related cost savings and more. For more information, visit [www.carenethealthcare.com](http://www.carenethealthcare.com).



### **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 240 companies and more than 35,000 jobs to the Albuquerque metro area. AED also provides retention and expansion assistance to existing industry.