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Quality awardees for 2010 unveiled

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Fourteen businesses and organizations — including applicants from Farmington, Lovington and Silver City — have been selected to receive recognition for significant improvements as part of the 2010 New Mexico Quality Awards program.

"In these tough economic times, it's encouraging to know so many New Mexico organizations are continuing the path to excellence in economic competitiveness, improved patient outcomes, and higher student achievement," said Deborah Gorenz, president of Hospital Services Corporation, one of the recipients.

Awardees will be showcased at the 2011 Quality New Mexico Learning Summit & New Mexico Quality Awards Ceremony, April 19 and 20 at the Marriott Albuquerque Pyramid North.

The New Mexico Quality Awards program has a three-tiered process to recognize New Mexico businesses and organizations for their Commitment (Piñon Recognition), Progress (Roadrunner Recognition) and Excellence (Zia Award), Quality New Mexico CEO Julia Gabaldon said in a news release.

Eight organizations receiving Roadrunner Recognition are: D. J. Simmons Inc. in Farmington; Gila Regional Medical Center in Silver City; and Annunciation Catholic School, Hospital Services Corp., French Family of Companies, Lovelace Women's Hospital, Total Community Care and United Blood Services, all of Albuquerque.

Six organizations getting Piñon Recognition are: Albuquerque Convention and Visitors Bureau, Kesselman-Jones Inc., Klinger Constructors LLC, Maroland LLC and **NM MESA**, all of Albuquerque; and Nor Lea Hospital in Lovington.

The New Mexico Quality Awards, modeled after the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, provide participating organizations with feedback on their strengths and their opportunities for improvement. This feedback is based on the time-tested Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence, which provides an assessment framework to gauge organizational performance.

For information about the program or the 2011 Learning Summit, visit www.qualitynewmexico.org or contact QNM at 505-944-2001.

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