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SHRM NM Two-Day Leadership/Legislative Conference Prepares Business Leaders for the Future of the New Mexico Workforce

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – [Feb. 26, 2019] – Technological, demographic, and social changes are sweeping across New Mexico. Are business leaders prepared to meet these challenges? The New Mexico chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM NM) will present a two-day leadership and legislative conference from April 1-2, 2019, to discuss emerging trends; gain new insights; and help businesses grow, attract, and retain qualified employees in the 2020 marketplace.

On Monday, April 1, “Preparing New Mexico’s Workforce for 2020 and Beyond: What Business Leaders Must Know to Meet the Challenge” will feature prominent thought leaders such as Lieutenant Governor Howie Morales, SHRM President and CEO Johnny C. Taylor, Economic Development Cabinet Secretary Designate Alicia J. Keyes, New Mexico Highlands University President Dr. Sam Minner, Meow Wolf CEO Vince Kadlubek, and many more.

Planned activities include:

- State of the State address: What’s on the horizon for New Mexico?
- Discussion among thought leaders in government, education, and business
- A look at the demographics of New Mexico’s workforce, how they access information, the industries they favor, and more by Tom Garrity, President of The Garrity Group
- Presentation on creating a new business model that allows us to grow, attract and retain qualified workers by Mark Lautman, CEcD, Founder of the Community Economics Lab
- An optional afternoon of master’s-level human resources education, including Dr. Denise Montoya, SHRM SCP, SPHR, and a presentation by Jamai Blivin, Founder and CEO of Innovate+Educate
- An opportunity to engage with others during an end of day networking event

On Tuesday, April 2, “Legislative Conference: Updates, Reminders, and What’s on the Horizon” will bring together top employment-law attorneys and other expert speakers to share the latest on legislation, regulations, compliance and case law.

Planned speakers and topics include:

- A federal update from Emily Dickens, SHRM Chief of Staff
- A look at the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions (DWS) from Bill McCamley, Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico DWS

- The future of gender pay-equity issues with Dr. Martha Burk, national gender pay equity consultant, and Jaclyn McLean, Partner at Hinkle Shanor; Jeremiah Ritchie, Associate at Sheehan & Sheehan; and Pamela Herndon, CEO of the KWH Law Center for Social Justice and Change
- Labor law panel moderated by Kevin Gick, Associate Council at UNM; featuring Stephen Curtice, Associate at Youtz & Valdez; Danny Jarrett, Office Managing Principal at Jackson Lewis; and Ryan Randall, Director of Employee and Labor Relations at UNM Hospital
- What HR professionals should know about immigration laws with Olsi Vrapj, Managing Partner at Noble & Vrapj; and Eduardo Garcia and Jazmin Coronel, Fellows at the New Mexico Immigrant Law Center
- Conducting Internal EEO Investigations by Loretta Medina, EEOC Senior Trial Attorney
- State legislature update from Quentin Smith, Shareholder/Director at Sheehan & Sheehan
- City of Albuquerque Employment Law initiatives update by Winter Torres, Deputy City Attorney for the City of Albuquerque
- The 2019 HR Professional of the Year award presentation

All events for the two-day conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 1901 University Blvd. NE in Albuquerque. To register and find event updates, visit shrmnm.org/events.aspx. To register as a sponsor or exhibitor, complete the Sponsor Registration Form at bit.ly/sponsorshrmnm2019.

Questions about the April 1 event should be directed to Bob Daniel, Conference Co-Chair, at rdaniel@pulakos.com or Barbara Marcus, SHRM NM State Council Director, at marcus@visitabq.org.

Questions about the April 2 event should be directed to Quentin Smith, Conference Co-Chair, at qs@sheehansheenan.com or Kevin Gick, Conference Co-Chair, at kgick@salud.unm.edu.

About SHRM New Mexico

SHRM New Mexico connects HR professionals throughout the state and partners with local chapters and stakeholders to educate business professionals on current and emerging human resources trends. The SHRM New Mexico State Council is an affiliate of the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM), the leading membership association for over 250,000 human resources professionals worldwide. Learn more at shrmnm.org.

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