

New Collar Network Expands to New Mexico Innovation Hub in Santa Fe



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New Collar Network [NCN] is excited to announce expansion to the New Mexico Innovation Hub [NMIH] in Santa Fe, New Mexico. “This is a special opportunity”, explains NCN CEO Sarah Boisvert, “to be immersed in the innovation ecosystem, with creative startups all around us! There is a new energy in the Midtown campus and we want to be a part of that transformation preparing New Mexicans for the jobs that are being created.”

An Opening Celebration showcasing the New Collar Fab Lab capabilities & tools like 3D Printers, AR, and laser cutters will be held April 29, 2026 from 5 – 7 p.m.

While free to attend, RSVP is required.

[Click here to register!](#)



New Collar is a recognized organization in the Fab Lab Network based at the Center for Bits and Atoms at MIT. There are over 3,000 Fab Labs around the world providing digital fabrication to local communities. Its first Fab Lab was established in 2017 in the Santa Fe Business Incubator, moving to the Santa Fe Higher Education Center [HEC] in 2022.

NMIH CEO David Perez sees the New Collar Fab Lab's 2nd location as imperative to support startups in the state. "Providing a fabrication lab for use of our tenants that is also a partner to all New Mexico startups is a valuable service to offer the innovation ecosystem. Startups are often building a machine, device, or material which requires prototyping with scaling insights. NCN is the right partner to offer that end-to-end capability."



Pathways from Training to ExperienceOur initial location in the Santa Fe Community College HEC building – just 2 blocks away! – will continue to be New Collar's primary NM training center in partnership with Mosaica, Inc., Powered by Santa Fe Community College, which provides economic and workforce development programs for SFCC students.

Badge earners in our joint advanced manufacturing programs, including 3D Printing, will now be able to gain real world experience within the startups centered at NMIH. The new location will serve tenants located in Benildus Hall on the Midtown Campus as well as companies throughout New Mexico.

"SFCC workforce students will benefit from the practical application of their skills through internships and apprenticeships," said Kris Swedin, CEO of Mosiaca, Inc. "Upskilling inside a company gives our students a competitive edge within the expanding use of 3D printing across industries, including preparing for the quantum, aerospace, bioscience, and advanced manufacturing workforce." New Collar will be offering rapid prototyping and short production run services, along with training in Design for Manufacturability for company founders and engineering staff. NCN founder & CEO Sarah Boisvert has decades of experience taking products from prototype to high volume production for companies from Apple to J&J.

New Collar Network has issued over 2500 Digital Badge micro-certifications. Yet experience is often called out in job descriptions and clearly increases a student's competitive advantage over other candidates. Based upon market demand, the US Dept. of Labor has made serious financial commitments to apprenticeships as a vehicle for updating workforce training programs. With the shift in funding, the NM Dept. of Workforce Solutions is able to support new programs for pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeships in the state.

"The apprenticeship model is known from experience to give people an advantage in job placement," reiterates Sarah. "They are just the beginning of a strong career path for New Mexicans."



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