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Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department Signs DOE Workplace Charging Challenge

Santa Fe, NM— The Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department has pledged to install a dual Level 2 charging station at one of Santa Fe's state-owned office complexes after joining the Department of Energy's (DOE) *Electric Vehicle (EV) Everywhere Grand Challenge, Workplace Charging Challenge*.

The goal of DOE's *EV Everywhere Grand Challenge* is to enable the United States to be the first in the world to produce plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs) that are affordable and convenient for the average American family. As part of the *EV Everywhere Grand Challenge*, DOE launched the Workplace Charging Challenge in January 2013, with the goal of increasing the number of American employers offering workplace charging to 500 by 2018.

"Installing PEV charging stations at workplaces diversifies commuter options for New Mexico's workforce," said Cabinet Secretary David Martin. "Our pledge to install a dual Level 2 charging station in Santa Fe is a path forward in the right direction."

New Mexico has 44 public charging stations for PEVs, primarily located in the greater Albuquerque metropolitan area. In the United States, the number of publicly accessible electric vehicle charging stations surpassed 11,800 in 2015. A complete listing of New Mexico stations for PEVs is available through EMNRD's [website](#).

The Workplace Charging Challenge calls upon America's employers to act as partners and make a bold commitment to provide PEV charging access to their workforce. In support of those who join the Challenge, DOE provides resources, recognition and peer-to-peer exchange opportunities.

More information on the DOE's *EV Everywhere Grand Challenge, Workplace Charging Challenge* can be found at www.energy.gov/eere/vehicles/ev-everywhere-workplace-charging-challenge.

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