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Santa Fe, NM – Congressman Ben Ray Luján of New Mexico’s Third District announced today that Santa Fe Community College (SFCC) is again receiving a \$300,000 job training grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant will fund the recruitment, training, and placement of unemployed or underemployed individuals engaged in environmental careers throughout the Santa Fe region. Those selected to participate in the program will be trained and develop skills needed to safely conduct cleanup work at solid and hazardous waste contaminated sites.

“Santa Fe Community College has been leading the way in the effort to prepare New Mexicans for careers in the environmental and clean energy sectors,” Congressman Luján said. “The EPA is once again recognizing these efforts and providing SFCC with important funds that will help train students for jobs that can help restore areas of our community that have been damaged and contaminated.”

Santa Fe is one of 21 communities in 20 states that was selected to receive more than \$6.2 million in Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grants. Santa Fe Community College received \$300,000 last year through the grant program to help train people for jobs in the assessment, cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields properties.

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