

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
to collaborate on
National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) Housing Program

Whereas, Tierra del Sol Housing Corporation and Southwestern Area Workforce Development Board, have come together to collaborate with the public workforce system; and

Whereas, the partners listed below have agreed to enter into a collaborative agreement in which Tierra del Sol Housing Corporation will be the lead agency and the partnering agencies will collaborate; and

Whereas, the partners herein desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding setting forth the services to be provided by the collaborative; and

1) Partnering Agencies:

- a. The Southwestern Area Workforce Development Board is the governing and funding body for the delivery of services through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program to the Southwestern region which is comprised of seven counties that include Catron, Socorro, Sierra, Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, and Dona Ana. The WIOA program partners with other government and non-governmental programs deliver an array of services that are geared toward satisfying the workforce needs of businesses, job seekers and youth.
- b. Tierra del Sol Housing Corporation is a nonprofit organization involved in the delivery of services provided through the National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) Career Services and Training Grants and Housing Program by developing permanent housing opportunities and providing temporary housing assistance for farmworkers.

2) History of Relationship

- a. Tierra del Sol has worked in partnership with Southwestern Area Workforce Development Board by providing referrals of tenants and homeowners for employment services, including job placement, employment training and unemployment assistance.
- b. Southwestern Area Workforce Development Board has collaborated with Tierra del Sol by providing employment opportunities, job search workshops, and job placement assistance to participants of Tierra del Sol's programs.

3) Roles and Responsibilities

Now therefore, it is hereby agreed by and between the partners, as follows:

- A. Tierra del Sol will participate/facilitate in partner meetings by providing program information on its housing programs including homeownership programs, affordable rental housing opportunities, owner-occupied home repair programs, foreclosure prevention services, housing counseling services, permanent housing development activities that are underway to provide new housing opportunities for farmworkers and low income families, and information on temporary housing assistance services available for farmworkers.

B. The Southwestern Area Workforce Development Board through the New Mexico Workforce Connection partner meetings will collaborate as a workforce partner with Tierra del Sol on training or job opportunities that might assist participants of Tierra del Sol's programs and lead to job training or job placement services, and may refer farmworkers needing permanent housing or temporary housing assistance to Tierra del Sol.

4. Timeline

Responsibilities under this Memorandum of Understanding will be ongoing until either party mutually agrees to terminate the agreement by notifying, in writing, either party. As a courtesy, either party will provide the other party with a minimum of 30-day notice to rescind.

5. Commitment to Partnership

- a. The collaboration services area includes Dona Ana and Luna Counties.
- b. The partners agree to collaborate and provide Employment Opportunities to participants pursuant to National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) Career Services and Training Grants and Housing Program and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

We, the undersigned, have read and agree with this MOU.

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Southwestern Area Workforce Development Board

Date: 05/14/2020

By: Rose Garcia
Tierra del Sol Housing Corporation

Date: 05/20/2020