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Regulation & Licensing Department Announces New Construction Industries Division Director

SANTA FE – New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department Superintendent J. Dee Dennis, Jr., announced today that Katherine Martinez has been named director of the department's Construction Industries Division.

Formerly the Director of Government Affairs for the Home Builders Association of Central New Mexico in Albuquerque, Martinez most recently was employed as administrative manager for the Construction Industries Division.

"Katherine Martinez brings a unique understanding of the construction industry from the business perspective and regulations that govern this trade," Superintendent Dennis said. "I am confident that she will promote a business-friendly environment to help New Mexico economy grow while ensuring public safety."

Martinez has been a community leader who served on a variety of committees in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County, including the City of Albuquerque Affordable Housing Sub Committee, Bernalillo County Water Conservation Committee, Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce Regional Growth Committee, ARCA Foundation Board of Directors and Rio Rancho Economic Development Marketing Committee. She is also the recipient of New Mexico Business Weekly 40 Under 40 Recipient Award and Home Builders Association of Central New Mexico President's Award for Outstanding Achievement.

"After representing the interests of homebuilders and the home buying public for last eight years in New Mexico, I am truly honored to accept this appointment," Martinez said. "The construction industry is an integral and crucial part of our state's economy representing 30 percent of its GDP. I am dedicated to moving the Construction Industries Division forward in the right direction so that we can better protect consumers and run efficiently to serve the industry and business interests."