

Sign-ups under way for Quality summit, ceremony

Journal Staff Report

Registration is under way for the 17th annual Quality New Mexico Learning Summit and New Mexico Quality Awards ceremony scheduled for April 19 and 20 at the Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North.

Keynote speaker for the event is Chris Galvin, chairman of Harrison Street Capital and former chairman and CEO of Motorola. Galvin challenged New Mexico to embark on a quality journey



in the early 1990s in Las Cruces. At the invitation of U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, Galvin spoke at a business forum where he shared the Motorola story and the challenge to become more competitive.

Galvin served as the keynote speaker for Quality New Mexico's first

conference in Carlsbad in 1994 and now returns 17 years later to speak again the organization's statewide Learning Summit.

The two-day Learning Summit will feature "best practice" sessions on the "Seven Keys to Performance Excellence" by outstanding presenters from across the nation and New Mexico. In addition, the 2010 New Mexico Quality Awards will be presented to state businesses and organizations at a special ceremony at noon

on Thursday, April 20.

Early-bird registration extends now through March 28. Registration is available at www.qualitynewmexico.org.

Learning Summit sponsors include: Chairman's Circle, Los Alamos National Laboratory; President's Circle, **Albuquerque Journal Business Outlook**, Citadel Broadcasting, Los Alamos National Bank, Lockheed Martin/Sandia National Laboratories and UNIVISION.

Quality New Mexico, a nonprofit organization, helps New Mexico businesses and organizations improve organizational performance and is the official administrator of the New Mexico Quality Awards, patterned after the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

More information about the conference can be obtained at www.qualitynewmexico.org or by calling 505-944-2001.