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**State's Geospatial Information Officer receives *NM Women in Tech Award***  
*Broadband office employee among eight honorees*

ALBUQUERQUE – The Office of Broadband Access and Expansion (OBAE) proudly announces that Natalie Runyan, New Mexico's Geospatial Information Officer, has been named a *2025 New Mexico Women in Technology Honoree* by the New Mexico Technology Council. This prestigious award recognizes dynamic women who exhibit extraordinary ambition, passion and talent in their tech careers.

Runyan, a true trailblazer, is the chief mapping and spatial data administrator for the state's broadband expansion program. She provides vital data through various geospatial and integrated systems, including GPS and GIS, to provide best ways to expand high-speed internet. Her high-tech skills and data analysis are crucial in providing broadband to rural, tribal and other areas in the state.

"I am honored to win a 2025 Women in Tech Award," said **Runyan**. "It is empowering to stand alongside other women turning technology into creative solutions. I thrive on making data accessible to decision-makers, leveraging technology to tell complex stories, and OBAE has embraced this as we race to get broadband internet to all New Mexicans. I hope that these awards inspire others to pursue their passions in tech."

Thanks to Runyan's achievements in data production management, analysis projects and geodatabase design, families and businesses are receiving high-speed internet, allowing them access to telehealth, education, government services and other online opportunities to improve their lives.

Runyan, a driven leader, empowers a team of specialists from multiple lines of business and areas of expertise to be creative while also working within operational standards and procedures to develop a system for the broadband office using powerful technologies and data. As technical lead and mapping project manager, Runyan writes technical work plans, produces special projects and budgets, manages contract awards and oversees planning and risk assessment.

Runyan is a South Carolina native who has made New Mexico her home for more than 30 years. She currently lives in Albuquerque.

Seven other dynamic tech leaders in New Mexico received the award.

The New Mexico Technology Council has given out the *New Mexico Women in Technology Award* for 17 years, honoring the many contributions of women who drive innovation and progress in the state's tech industry.

The *2025 New Mexico Women in Technology Awards* ceremony will be held on March 13, at the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque.

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*The Office of Broadband Access and Expansion is dedicated to serving New Mexico with a commitment to make high-speed broadband accessible to all New Mexicans. OBAE's mission is to expand and improve high-speed internet service with passionate leadership that drives bold, equitable, affordable and inclusive broadband solutions. OBAE seeks results that honor the state's rich heritage and elevate quality of life for all.*