



# County of Los Alamos

## Council Meeting Staff Report

February 19, 2019

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**Agenda No.:** A.  
**Indexes (Council Goals):**  
**Presenters:** Paul Andrus  
**Legislative File:** 11563-19

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### **Title**

Community Development Department International Accreditation Service Award and Presentation

### **Recommended Action**

**No Action Required**

### **Body**

In December of 2018 the Community Development Department, Building Safety Division (BSD), received notification that it had been awarded accreditation from the International Accreditation Service (IAS). The Building Safety Division is the first program of its kind to receive this distinction in the state of New Mexico. This achievement came after nearly a year of intensive effort and focus on the part of the BSD staff to revamp and re-envision division policies and procedures for building plan review and inspections, as well as customer service, quality control, professional development and the like.

The Accreditation Review involves an on-site assessment of the department's goals, policies, and procedures, as well as permitting, inspections and plan reviews. IAS Certification is a nationally recognized designation that validates that the County's Building Safety Division follows permitting and inspection best practices for public safety and demonstrates that the division meets nationally recognized standards.

Kellee Fernandez, IAS Representative, will be in attendance to officially present the Accreditation Certification to the County. Attachment A is a draft copy of the certificate to be received and Attachment B is an IAS document that presents an overview of the benefits of accreditation.

### **Attachments**

A - IAS Certificate of Accreditation

B - Accreditation Promotes Top Notch Service