

Tony Trujillo, President and CEO of Holman's Inc. and John Garcia, Director of Economic Development for the City of Albuquerque, kicked off the 1st annual ABQFirst!Marketplace on November 2nd at the Anderson Abruzzo International Museum.

With the theme "Keeping Your Business Local," the ABQFirst! Marketplace ended generated more than \$50,000 in commerce in less than four hours! Over 30 exhibitors set up and moved into action buying and selling products and services.

Both the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce and the Hispano Chamber of Commerce presented Small Business Seminars during Thrive!ABQ. Attendees also enjoyed great food and entertainment.



Anthony D. Trujillo, Vice President of Holman's Inc. (center), and Ryan Killingsworth, Holman's Retail Store Coordinator (far right), listen to the opening remarks at ABQFirst!Marketplace on Nov.2, 2011.

As Mayor Barry reinforced his commitment to working hard for Small Business, he reminded everyone how important it is to keep *Albuquerque First* in buying and selling services. City Councilor Debbie O'Malley, who has worked tirelessly for small business, spoke on the importance of supporting our small business as it directly affects our local economy. Steve Schroeder, President and CEO of Real Time Solutions, gave attendees a demonstration on the Thrive!ABQ website.