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Governor Bill Richardson Creates Advisory Team to Help New Mexico Communities Access Recovery Act Grant Funds

*Governor directs state to “leave no stone unturned” in efforts to maximize
federal funding*

SANTE FE---Governor Bill Richardson has signed an Executive Order creating the Competitive Grant Advisory Team to assist local communities throughout New Mexico compete for federal grant funding that is available through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act.

“Most of the formula recovery funds are designated for specific, existing programs with very little local discretion. The competitive grant process is the best way for many New Mexico communities, especially rural areas, to access funding for qualified projects that will create jobs and boost the economy,” said Governor Richardson. “The advisory team is a group of talented, respected individuals who will work closely with their communities to help them navigate the grant process. The team will be an important part of the Office of Recovery and Reinvestment, which I created to make sure that we leave no stone unturned and New Mexico receives all the funding possible.”

The Competitive Grant Advisory Team is chaired by Rick Homans, Secretary of the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department, and is comprised of New Mexicans from around the state representing a wide variety of professions and interests. The group will meet with local communities to inform them about competitive grant opportunities under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act and to encourage and empower those communities to apply. The group will also be charged with seeking local partners in state applications for clean energy grids, broadband and health information technology funding. The meetings will be open to the public, and a tentative schedule is below. A more detailed schedule will be announced in the coming days.

The Governor’s Executive Order also officially establishes the New Mexico Office of Recovery and Reinvestment, which the Governor announced in March. The Office is headed by former New Mexico Governor Toney Anaya and is charged with ensuring that stimulus funds spur economic activity, create and retain jobs, and promote long-term economic prosperity.

“We are working with state agencies to make sure they comply with the strict eligibility and reporting requirements for recovery funding, and to support inter-agency communication and coordination,” said former Governor Anaya. “Under Governor Richardson’s direction, New Mexico is well prepared and in some cases is among the first states in the country to apply and qualify for federal recovery act funding.”

The committee will hold an initial organizational meeting **Friday, April 24, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. at the International Folk Museum on Museum Hill in Santa Fe.**

Competitive Grant Advisory Team
Tentative Regional Meeting Dates and Locations
Venues and times TBA

- May 4 **Ruidoso**, Southeastern New Mexico Council of Governments
- May 4 **Acoma Pueblo**, State Inter-Tribal Summit
- May 6 **Silver City**, Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments
- May 11 **Gallup**, Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments
- May 13 **Tucumcari**, Eastern Plains Council of Governments
- May 14 **Española**, North Central New Mexico Economic Dev. District
- May 20 **Las Cruces**, Southern Summit: South Central Council of Governments
- May 21 **Albuquerque**, Northern Summit: Mid-Region Council of Governments

Below is a list of the members of the members of the Competitive Grant Advisory Team. The Executive Order is attached to this release as a PDF.

Name	County	Business
Rick Homans		TRD Cabinet Secretary
Kim Sanchez Rael	Bernalillo	
Lt. Governor Denish		
Sam Collins	Bernalillo	President & CEO, Union Savings Bank
Lowell Overby	Bernalillo	Community Volunteerism Committee, Network Consultant
Edgar Lopez	Dona Ana	President/IMA Inc.
Carol Cloer	San Juan	Self Employed Rancher
Ronald Sanchez	Santa Fe	Regional President First Community Bank.
Joel Koenig	Bernalillo	Deloitte & Touche--Audit, Tax, Consulting & Financial Advisory Services.
Mark Lautman	Bernalillo	

Terry Boulanger	Bernalillo	Oso Grande formerly NM Technet.
John Pate	Bernalillo	Molzen Corbin
Trudy Healy	Taos	Water Trust Board Member
Steve McCutcheon	Eddy	Intrepid, next President of Carlsbad Department of Development (Rep. Heaton)
Mike Daly	Bernalillo	Mesa Del Sol Developer
John Garcia	Bernalillo	UNM
Bob Murphy	Bernalillo	Economic Forum
Tad Powers	Hidalgo	Hidalgo County Economic Dev Coordinator
Charlie Alfero	Grant	Primary Care. Recommended by Tony Trujillo.
Dr. Steve Gamble	Roosevelt	President, ENMU
Dr. Steve McCleery	Lea	President, NMJC
Nick Franklin	Dona Ana	VP for University Advancement at NMSU and Executive Director for NMSU Foundation.
Powhatan Carter, III	De Baca	Former De Baca County Commission Chair
James Jimenez	Sandoval	Rio Rancho City Manager
Bill Fulgenetti	Santa Fe	NM Municipal League
Paul Gutierrez	Santa Fe	NM Association of Counties
Ravi Bhasker	Socorro	Mayor
Peter Pino	Sandoval	Former State Game Commissioner
Brian Moore	Union	Former Legislator
Christina Selby	Santa Fe	Earth Care International, Green Environment through Education.
Dolores E. Roybal	Santa Fe	Con Alma Health Foundation
Randy Royster	Bernalillo	NM Community

		Foundation
Leonard Haskie	McKinley	Assistant Superintendent, Gallup-McKinley County Schools
Walt Gibson	Valencia	Los Lunas Public Schools
Michael Adams	San Miguel	Engineering Technologies Director, Luna Community College
David Griscom	Santa Fe	Clean Energy Program, Regional Development Corp.
Richard Lowenberg	Santa Fe	Design 9--Broadband expert
Bob Mayer	Santa Fe	Telehealth Commission (Health Information Technology)
Maria Cassimus	Bernalillo	Atlas Resources, Inc.
Nick Brady	Curry	Eastern Plains Council of Governments
Lawrence Rael	Bernalillo	Mid-Region Council of Governments
Barbara Deaux	Santa Fe	North Central New Mexico Economic Development District
Patricia Lundstrom	McKinley	Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments
Jay Armijo	Sierra	South Central Council of Governments
Hubert Quintana	Chaves	Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District
Priscilla Lucero	Grant	Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments
Jim Folkman	Bernalillo	Central NM Home Builders Association
Charryl Barger	Los Alamos	Retired from LANL