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**GOVERNOR BILL RICHARDSON NAMES INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
TEAM**

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today named Moira Gerety of Albuquerque as New Mexico’s Chief Information Officer. He also named Dr. Stephen Easley of Alamogordo as deputy director of the Information Technology Management Office.

Governor Bill Richardson said Gerety, who has 18 years of experience in all facets of information technology, is the perfect person to accomplish his goal of networking all of state government.

“I want New Mexico wired,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “Moira has worked for large companies like PNM. So she has the experience with large organizations that require top-rate technologies and infrastructure.”

Gerety was director of corporate information services at PNM. She said she is interested in taking advantage of technology to improve state government services.

“I’m interested in improving constituent access to the state information system, while containing costs so money is available for programs,” Gerety said.

The chief information officer is a Cabinet-level position. Gerety, who will report directly to Governor Bill Richardson, will oversee the Information Technology Management Office. The office is charged with improving services to New Mexico citizens through effective use of information technology in government agencies.

“We need to maximize the use of information technology,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “Our state systems need to be cutting edge – and they are not. Our technology, communications and purchasing operations must be consolidated and streamlined. I have pledged to be fiscally responsible and accountable to the taxpayers for spending in state government.”

State agencies spend more than \$200 million annually on information technology operations. “If we are to maximize savings, improve service and be accountable, we need the very best in our information systems,” Governor Bill Richardson said.

Gererty’s job will be to coordinate an analysis and potential overhauls of state information systems, and make sure taxpayers what they pay for.

After a two-year stint as a high school teacher in Albuquerque, Gerety went back to school at the University of New Mexico, where she earned a Masters’ degree in Business Administration at the Robert O. Anderson School of Management.

Gerety spent the past 18 years working for small and large companies in the manufacturing and utilities industries. She has experience with all aspects of information technology, including networking, hardware and software applications.

Dr. Stephen Easley will be Gerety’s deputy director in the office. Easley, who has a PhD in biological anthropology, has 20 years experience as a research scientist. The Alamogordo city commissioner owns his own computer and network consulting business. He has worked for several private and public organizations, including universities, research firms, the Department of Defense, the Department of Energy and the National Institute of Health.

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