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Santa Fe - Governor Bill Richardson will travel to San Francisco, California on Thursday April 8, to meet with high-ranking officials of a prospective company seriously considering locating in the Albuquerque, Rio Rancho area. Economic Development Secretary Rick Homans and Gary Tonjes, President of Albuquerque Economic Development Inc., will accompany the Governor.

“Building a high-wage, high-tech economy in New Mexico is a top priority. Face-to-face discussions with the captains of industry are crucial to attracting companies to New Mexico. They need to know that we are serious about economic development. The discussions taking place in San Francisco are at a critical stage and I will announce the results when all parties have agreed,” Governor Bill Richardson said.

Prior to the meetings in San Francisco, Governor Richardson will deliver the keynote address at Palm Springs to a retreat for top executives of Sempra Energy Corporation, a major natural gas company. “Natural gas production and development plays a key role in the economy of New Mexico and I look forward to having an opportunity to share our concerns with Sempra executives. I also plan to meet with company officials in San Francisco later that day,” Governor Richardson said.

Sempra Energy is providing transportation and covering the cost of travel. The Governor will return to New Mexico Thursday night.

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