



## **Governor Bill Richardson to Meet With Top Government Officials from Qatar**

### **First Deputy Prime Minister and Ambassador to the United States will join Governor for working breakfast at Governor's Mansion**

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*SANTA FE*- Governor Bill Richardson will host two top government officials from Qatar Friday at the Governor's Mansion in Santa Fe. His Excellency Sheikh Hamad Bin Jassim Bin Labr Al-Thani, Qatar's First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Ambassador Bader Omar Al Dafa, Ambassador to the United States for Qatar, will join Governor Richardson for a working breakfast. The leaders are expected to discuss several issues important to both New Mexico and Qatar, such as tourism, energy and renewable energy, and international trade.

"New Mexico and Qatar have more in common than one might expect," said Governor Richardson. "Oil and gas and tourism drive a major part of the Qatar economy. It is also a nation that is dealing with environmental concerns. There's a great deal we can share with each other. I am also looking forward to renewing my friendship with His Excellency Sheikh Al-Thani, which dates back to my time in Congress, and at the United Nations."

Following the working breakfast, the leaders will meet with the media, before H.E. Sheikh Al-Thani and Ambassador Al Dafa depart for the airport.

The media availability will take place at 10:00 a.m., Friday April 30, at the Governor's Mansion, 1 Mansion Drive, in Santa Fe.

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