



Governor Bill Richardson to Promote New Mexico to Top Corporate Executives

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SANTA FE- Governor Bill Richardson will be a featured speaker at the prestigious Forbes CFO Conference on Friday in New York, taking advantage of an opportunity to discuss New Mexico's significant economic successes to top executives from dozens of international corporations. The Governor's main objective is to recruit these companies to New Mexico.

"We're got a great message- our economic growth strategies are working, and New Mexico is open for business. We're competitive regionally and nationally, the state is in solid financial shape, and we've created 26,000 new jobs for New Mexicans in the past 16 months," said Governor Richardson. "This is a unique opportunity to share New Mexico's economic successes with the captains of business and industry."

Governor Richardson will speak to the group this Friday, May 21, at 8 a.m. The Governor will also meet individually with representatives of some of the companies, and interviewing with other New York based publications, working to spread the word about New Mexico. Some of the companies participating in the Forbes CFO Conference include the Lowe's Companies, Pfizer, Fidelity Investments, Fleet Credit Card Services, Sara Lee Corporation, and VISA USA.

The conference is taking place at the Plaza Hotel in New York City.

Thursday evening, Governor Richardson will deliver the commencement address to the University of New Hampshire Class of 2004, in Manchester, New Hampshire. While in Manchester, Governor Richardson will also speak to the New Hampshire Democratic Party. He will return to New Mexico midday Friday.

The Democratic Governors' Association is paying for Governor Richardson's travel .

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