



Governor Bill Richardson Promotes New Mexico to Top Corporate Executives

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NEW YORK - Governor Bill Richardson was a featured speaker today at the prestigious Forbes CFO Conference on Friday in New York City. Governor Richardson and New Mexico Economic Development Secretary Rick Homans met with more than 100 top executives from major international companies to discuss New Mexico's significant economic successes. The Governor's main objective was to recruit these companies to New Mexico.

"I found them very receptive," Governor Richardson said after this morning's meetings. "There is a lot of interest in what we're doing in New Mexico. I made it clear that New Mexico is open for business."

Governor Richardson stressed to the business leaders that New Mexico is now able to compete regionally and nationally for jobs as a result of drastic tax cuts and innovative state investment policies.

"New Mexico 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."

The Governor met individually with representatives of some of the companies, and interviewed 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.

