



Governor Bill Richardson Praises New Mexico Workers on Labor Day

Governor says economic growth efforts are building a strong New Mexico economy and creating jobs

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SANTA FE- Governor Bill Richardson today praised New Mexico's workers, saying they are a major reason the state's economy is among the strongest in the nation. The Governor also said New Mexico's investment and tax incentives and strong fiscal policies have made the state more attractive to business and more competitive regionally and globally.

"Our dedicated, energetic workforce, combined with our economic growth initiatives, are helping build the growing, prosperous New Mexico of the future," said Governor Richardson. "During this Labor Day holiday, I urge every New Mexican to take time to recognize the efforts and dedication of our workers."

New Mexico has seen the creation of more than 28,000 new jobs since Governor Richardson took office in 2003. A recent New York Times article ranked New Mexico third in terms of economic growth when it comes to creating jobs. The state has a balanced budget with a budget surplus, the third highest cash reserves in the country, and the second highest bond rating possible.

The Governor cited New Mexico's thriving film industry as an example of the local workforce having a tremendous impact on the state's economy. Film incentives, expanded through the joint efforts of Governor Richardson and the legislature, are working to bring film companies to New Mexico. "It's a great example of the Executive, the Legislature, and business working together to support an industry that provides high-wage jobs and clean industry," said Governor Richardson.

“Film companies are finding the quality of our workforce compares with any in the world, and that word is getting out,” added the Governor, pointing to the fact that 14 films have been shot in New Mexico since he took office.

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