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Governor Bill Richardson names Roy Soto as State Chief Information Officer

SANTA FE- Governor Bill Richardson today named Roy Soto to serve as State Chief Information Officer. Soto, the current Deputy Secretary and Chief Information Officer for the Department of Labor, will lead the state's Information Technology efforts.

"Roy brings decades of experience both in the private and public sectors to the position. He understands our need to balance costs with our ability to provide consistent high quality services to the people of New Mexico," said Governor Richardson. "My goal is that IT be consolidated and streamlined. We have to maximize savings while not sacrificing efficiency. Soto is charged with the immediate task of analyzing the current structure of state information technology to ensure we are both cost effective and up to date."

Roy Soto has over 30 years of experience in both the public and private sectors. He has served as Deputy Secretary for Corrections from 1991 to 1993, Deputy Commissioner of Public Lands from 1983 to 1987 and Administrative Services Director for the Health and Environment Department from 1979 until 1982. Soto was vice-President of RLR Resources in Corrales from 1993 until 2003 when he took his current position as Deputy Secretary and CIO of the Department of Labor.

He is currently Chairman of the State's CIO Council and is a member of the Governor's IT Consolidation Executive Board.

Soto said, " I am honored to be part of Governor Richardson's administration. Governor Richardson is committed to making New Mexico a national leader in the successful use of IT and I look forward working to achieve that goal."