



# State of New Mexico

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### **Governor Richardson Announces State Contract Awards for Fight To Keep Cannon AFB Open**

Santa Fe -- Governor Bill Richardson today announced that the firms Hyjek and Fix and Keystone International, Inc. have been hired to fight to overturn Defense Secretary Rumsfeld's recommendation and keep Cannon AFB open. "We have put together the a strong team to make sure we present the best possible case to the BRAC Commission to overturn the Pentagon's decision to close Cannon AFB. Both firms have extensive experience in dealing with BRAC. Hyjek and Fix will be retained to lobby the BRAC Commission. Albuquerque based Keystone International, Inc. will provide analysis and staff support. They will work closely with my office, the Congressional delegation and General Scott to make sure our presentation to the BRAC Commission is both compelling and convincing," Governor Richardson said.

The Governor released \$300,000.00 in state funds the day the Secretary Rumsfeld released the list of bases targeted for realignment or closure.

"Hyjek & Fix has a great background in BRAC. The firm's current staff consists of former BRAC Commission staff members; former DOD and Congressional Staff personnel. They bring to the table the first hand experience we will need to make the best case to BRAC.," General Hanson Scott said.

"Keystone International, Inc. has assembled an extremely strong team with outstanding BRAC analysis experience and capabilities several of whom have been supporting the New Mexico Military Base Planning Commission and the Office of Military Base Planning and Support for the last two years. Keystone provides management consulting and technical support services to defense, energy, and highly technical companies and government agencies," General Scott said.

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