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Governor Bill Richardson and IATSE Local 480 Announce “Local Hire” Status for Louisiana Crew of “The Flock”

SANTA FE-Governor Bill Richardson today announced that a new feature film, “The Flock” will be filming in Albuquerque. The project will bring crew members from Louisiana and will employ an additional 72 New Mexicans.

“The film business has been good to New Mexico,” stated Governor Richardson. “It is important in this time of need to support our friends in the Gulf States and help wherever we can. That is why we have joined forces with the film technicians’ union to offer a helping hand to the film business in Louisiana and its displaced crew members.”

With strong support from its International Union, IATSE Local 480 has accepted all Louisiana Union Members into its ranks, allowing them to work in the State of New Mexico as “local hire.” The New Mexico Film Office, a division of the New Mexico Economic Development Department, in collaboration with the Governor’s Office and Taxation & Revenue Department, is working to ensure that these new “New Mexicans” will be eligible for all state programs and incentives as quickly as possible.

The New Mexico Film Office is compiling a list of New Mexicans willing to provide short-term housing for crew members, and Local 480 is coordinating efforts with local productions that are in need of crew.

“The Flock” stars Richard Gere (“Pretty Women”), Claire Danes (“Stage Beauty”). The plot focuses on a hyper-vigilant federal agent (Richard Gere), who while training his young female replacement (Claire Danes), must track down a missing girl who he is convinced is connected to a paroled sex offender he is investigating.

The production will shoot for 40 days in New Mexico, starting on November 14, 2005. The project qualifies for New Mexico’s Film Production Tax Credit Loan and will be receiving \$2,306,103 from the state.