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### **Governor Richardson announces Call for Proposals for “New Visions/New Mexico” Contract Awards**

*New Mexico-based filmmakers eligible to receive contracts up to \$20,000*

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today announced a Call for Proposals for a new program designed to increase the profile of New Mexico’s very own filmmakers. In its inaugural year, “New Visions/New Mexico” will provide a total of \$160,000 in contracts for New Mexico-based producers and directors to create narrative films, documentaries, animation and experimental works. Subject to application and review by a panel of professionals and peers, filmmakers may apply for funds up to \$20,000 toward the completion of existing projects, or the launching of new ones.

“The creative talent base in New Mexico is one of our greatest assets,” said Governor Richardson. “This is an effort to recognize that talent, and engage our filmmakers in a process that will benefit the state in return.”

Applicants will be asked to provide a service to the state as part of their contract, such as training other New Mexicans who are new to the industry, providing in-state screenings and seminars, or creating projects that promote and explore New Mexico’s history, cultures, challenges or future.

“This program is part of our longer term strategy to establish a solid in-state production and training base,” said Eric Witt, Director of Media Industries Development. “The entire state will benefit by the jobs, training, and education these film projects will provide. And, we believe that these awards will help filmmakers leverage more support from other sources, and help grow their careers.”

Film Office Director Lisa Strout noted that the program will also help give voice to the statewide film community. “These awards will not only give life to many incredible New Mexico stories, it will create much needed exposure for the talent that thrives here and ideally will spark some new collaborations.”

The deadline for proposals is October 6, 2006. Awardees will be announced in December. A selection panel will review each proposal based on a number of criteria, such as the artistic quality of the project; the applicant’s demonstrated ability and creativity; the applicant’s managerial and fiscal competence; the quality of service provided to the state; and the applicant’s efforts to reach a broad, diverse audience.

Application forms are available at the New Mexico Film Office, 418 Montezuma in Santa Fe; online at [www.nmfilm.com](http://www.nmfilm.com), or call 505-827-9810 to receive an application by mail.

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