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Governor Richardson Pledges Support for Holloman Air Force Base, City of Alamogordo

ALAMOGORDO - Governor Bill Richardson today pledged \$250,000 in capital funding to help the Alamogordo community protect Holloman Air Force Base following the recent decision to accelerate the phase-out of the Stealth bombers.

Governor Richardson committed the money following a productive meeting this morning with the local Committee of 50 - a longstanding group of community leaders who have led the effort to support Holloman.

"I am ready to work together with the Congressional delegation and the Committee of 50 to ensure that we have a strong mission for Holloman Air Force Base," Governor Bill Richardson said. "I will work with the Legislature to provide this money directly to the Alamogordo community to get the ball rolling on a strategy to protect Holloman."

Governor Richardson emphasized to Alamogordo leaders that they need to mount a sustained effort to showcase the advantages that Holloman has to support new missions.

Governor Richardson also directed the state Economic Development Department to work with the Congressional delegation, the Committee of 50 and the Office of Military Base Planning to ensure that New Mexico can take advantage of land contracts resulting from the expansion planned at Fort Bliss.

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