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Governor Bill Richardson Announces Statewide Short Screenplay Competition

*Four winners of the "Governor's Cup Short Screenplay Competition" will
have their screenplays produced in New Mexico*

SANTA FE- Governor Bill Richardson today announced a Call for Entries for the Governor's Cup Short Screenplay Competition. The Governor's Cup is a statewide competition encouraging New Mexico Filmmakers to submit a short screenplay of ten minutes or less. Four winners will have the opportunity to see their screenplay come to life, with the assistance of professional NM filmmakers and trainees from the Governor's Film Technician's Training Program (FTTP).

"This competition helps showcase New Mexico talent to filmmakers across the world," stated Governor Bill Richardson. "Supporting our home-grown talent is a top priority and I look forward to announcing the winners in May."

The Governor's Cup Short Screenplay Competition is sponsored by Comcast and the National Geographic All Roads Film Project, with support from the New Mexico Film Office, IATSE 480 and FTTP.

Entries for the Governor's Cup may be submitted in two categories: Short Narrative, and Indigenous/Minority Culture. Three winners will be selected in the Short Narrative category, and one in the Indigenous/Minority Culture category.

Comcast is the sponsor of the three winning Short Narrative screenplays. These projects will be produced with assistance from the Governor's Film Technicians Training

Program at Technical Vocation Institute (TVI) in Albuquerque, Eastern New Mexico University in Roswell, and Santa Fe Community College.

National Geographic is sponsoring the Indigenous/Minority Culture category, which is open to indigenous and under-represented minority filmmakers, as well as filmmakers who can demonstrate that they have been designated by indigenous or minority communities to tell their story. This winning screenplay will be produced with the Creative Media Initiative (CMI) at the New Mexico Southern University in Las Cruces, NM.

All four winning screenplays will be produced with the assistance of professional filmmakers as project advisors. Video equipment, lighting equipment, and below-the-line film technicians will be provided by the state. A budget of \$5,000 per project will also be available to supplement pre-production, production, and post-production.

Entries will be reviewed by the Governor's Cup Selection Committee, made up of professional screenwriters, film professionals, and film/peer board members of the All Roads Film Project. A first-round process will select twelve semi-finalists, who will work with professional screenwriters to develop their scripts. The final twelve will have the opportunity to "pitch" their project to the Selection Committee, which will then choose the final four screenplays.

The deadline for applications is April 7, 2006. Winners will be announced in May 2006.

For more information on the National Geographic All Roads Film Project, go to www.nationalgeographic.com/allroads.

The Governor's Cup Short Screenplay Competition is open to all New Mexico residents. For an application and guidelines, please visit www.nmfilm.com or call 505-827-9810.