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Governor Richardson Announces Higher Education Department Film Boot Camp Grant Recipients

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson and Dr. Beverlee J. McClure, Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Higher Education Department, announced that \$200,000 in “Film Boot Camp” grants will be awarded to seven institutions.

“Developing New Mexico’s local film production talent is crucial to the long term success of this industry in our state,” said Governor Richardson. “Encouraging our high school students to pursue studies and potentially a career in the film industry through programs like this makes sense.”

Secretary McClure agreed, adding, “Our colleges and universities are poised to inspire a new generation of film students. We have great institutions with excellent film programs. We have an economic climate that promises good jobs in the industry. And, we provide students the opportunity to explore career options at an early age.”

After a competitive application process, seven institutions were selected to receive “Film Boot Camp” grant funds. The winning proposals demonstrated a strong commitment to recruit and expose high school students to the film industry in the state. Awards will be made to the following institutions:

Central New Mexico Community College	\$25,000
New Mexico State University	\$40,000
New Mexico Highlands University	\$40,000
New Mexico Military Institute	\$10,000
Northern New Mexico College	\$20,000

University of New Mexico – Gallup	\$40,000
University of New Mexico	\$25,000

TOTAL	\$200,000
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The State of New Mexico continues to be recognized as a leader in innovative approaches to the growing film and media industry. New Mexico colleges and universities are valuable partners in the film industry and provide excellent training ground for students to work in film and media.

This year, Governor Richardson and the New Mexico State Legislature funded a Film and Media Grant in the amount of \$200,000. The intent of the funding was to support film and media employment training and student productions.

In August, the New Mexico Higher Education Department issued a Request for Proposals for a Film Boot camp hosted through institutions to recruit high school students. The grant is intended to train high school students as the next generation of filmmakers who will be pivotal in developing a sustainable film industry in New Mexico.

Funding will be allocated to expand and develop partnerships with high school students and colleges and universities to train filmmakers in every aspect of the production. Funds will become available in January 2007. For more information, contact the Department's Educational Policy and Program Analyst Matthew J. Martinez at 505-476-6512 or matthewj.martinez@state.nm.us or visit www.hed.state.nm.us.