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Governor Richardson Helps Launch New Border Security Technology

Integrated Radiation Detection Monitoring System to be located in Gallup

(Bernalillo, NM)—Governor Richardson, joined by Senator Pete Domenici, Congresswoman Heather Wilson, Congressman Tom Udall, and Congressman Steve Pearce, launched the State of New Mexico's Integrated Detection Monitoring System today. The system will help strengthen the state's ability to guard against those who would try to smuggle radioactive materials into New Mexico. The technology demonstrated today was developed by MCT Industries in Bernalillo and will be located at the Gallup port-of-entry facility.

"This Integrated Detection Monitoring System will give state public safety officials a strong tool to find dirty bombs and other radioactive materials before they can be used to endanger the lives of New Mexicans," said Governor Richardson. "This is a great example of a successful public/private partnership – a cooperative effort between state government and a local New Mexico business to increase border security."

The system provides a 24/7 maximum detection on transport vehicles entering the state at three points-of entry facilities. The system is a cooperative effort between the New Mexico Environment Department's Radiation Control Bureau, the Department of Public Safety's Motor Transportation Division, and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security.

The System is operated at the ports-of-entry by New Mexico Department of Public Safety's Motor Transportation Division, who provides law enforcement capacity, as well as participates in the nationally acclaimed safety inspection program, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance.

The funding for this project was made available through the State Homeland Security Grants Program of the federal Department of Homeland Security for \$50,000 and \$100,000 from the Department of Energy WIPP grant program. The State of New Mexico Office of Homeland Security has made border security its top initiative and priority for federal fiscal year 2006.

The design of the project was conducted by the New Mexico business MCT Industries, Inc. MCT Industries, Inc. is a small business with over 30 years of manufacturing and various governmental contracting projects. Led by Ted Martinez, President and CEO, the company contributed countless hours, and in-kind dollars in research and development of the technology.

“This critical new homeland security tool is protecting our communities,” Ted Martinez said. “The people of New Mexico are safer because of the IDMS and our partnership with the state.”

“In the five years since the shocking attacks on September 11, our nation has not stood still. We have dramatically improved our efforts to make America safe, and I’m proud that New Mexico has been at the forefront. From our labs, to state of the art First Responder training, to NISAC, New Mexico has been a true leader in developing and implementing the tools we need to keep our country safe,” said Domenici, a member of the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs.

"Through research and development, New Mexico has a growing role in keeping us safe," Congresswoman Heather Wilson said. "MCT Industries is a family-owned New Mexico business that is helping secure our country and build our economy through innovations like the Integrated Detection and Monitoring System."

"MCT should be applauded for the role they have played in helping secure our ports of entry in New Mexico. The interagency partnerships that have developed are a model for other states in the role that can be played to address terrorism prevention and preparedness planning across the country," said U.S. Representative Tom Udall.

"The Integrated Detection Monitoring System is a stunning example of how New Mexico-style entrepreneurship can lead our nation in addressing its most urgent priorities," U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce said. "It provides an essential tool for protecting our communities and neighborhoods, while demonstrating - once again - what the people of our state have the capacity to achieve."

U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman was unable to attend the event, yet visited the facility last week and sent the following statement, “This collaborative effort between the State of New Mexico and MCT Industries is a perfect example of how governments and local businesses can come together to help keep communities safe. The technology developed by MCT will help improve safety and security in our state and in the country.”