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## **Governor Bill Richardson Announces 2007 Economic Development Summit in Albuquerque**

*Summit to focus on the economic importance of entrepreneurship*

SANTA FE, NM – Governor Bill Richardson today issued an invitation to all New Mexicans interested in helping to create a high-wage economy to attend the Governor's 2007 Economic Development Summit: Energizing the Entrepreneurial Economy. Economic Development Department Cabinet Secretary Fred Mondragon will present a detailed update of the Department's Economic Development Strategy. Other highlights include a variety of keynote speakers, local success stories, breakout panel discussions and award presentations.

"I am committed to pursuing more tax cuts and recruiting new companies to the state to ensure that New Mexico continues to create high-wage jobs," Governor Bill Richardson said. "I'm also counting on community and business leaders from around the state to participate in this year's summit, and produce bold new ideas to develop and expand our economy."

The 2007 Governor's Economic Development Summit kicks off on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 in Albuquerque at the Hyatt Regency Downtown and runs through Friday, September 28.

Key topics of discussion include:

- The economic importance of entrepreneurship
- Doing business internationally
- The value of building business incubators
- The benefits and challenges of growing a business in New Mexico
- Collaboratives supporting entrepreneurs
- Accessing public and private capital
- Tribal entrepreneurship

Featured speakers include:

- Becky Anderson, Executive Director of HandMade in America

- Marilyn Kourlisky, Professor of Education and Social Entrepreneurship and Director of the Institute for the Study of Educational Entrepreneurship (ISEE) at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)
- Barry Schuler, Chairman and CEO of Raydiance, Inc. and Managing Director of the DFJ Growth Fund
- Eric R. Pages, President of EntreWorks Consulting
- Patrick Von Barga, Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Venture Education

See PDF attachment for further information.

To register on line go to [www.nmsummit.com](http://www.nmsummit.com). Or call 866.963.6600. Previous Summits have sold out, so early registration is encouraged. Register by August 31<sup>st</sup> to receive a discount.

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