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Governor Richardson Breaks Ground on New Border Authority Complex

Governor Announces 160 New Jobs for Southern New Mexico

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today helped break ground on a new complex for the New Mexico Border Authority in Santa Teresa, NM. The new complex will be the permanent home of the New Mexico Border Authority, which has been housed in temporary facilities near the Santa Teresa-San Jeronimo Port of Entry for the last 10 years. The new building is scheduled to be complete in fall 2008.

“Together with the Legislature, I have committed \$1.5 million dollars in capital outlay for the New Mexico Border Authority’s new complex,” said Governor Richardson. “I am committed to investing in southern New Mexico and this new facility will foster international trade, tourism and will benefit residents.”

Initially, the New Mexico Border Authority complex will occupy a 3,600-square foot building on seven acres. Future plans include a 1,300-square foot addition.

“Today is a proud day for the New Mexico Border Authority,” said Jaime Campos, the agency’s Director. “This new facility will symbolize the State of New Mexico to visitors and allow us to expand our efforts to bring prosperity to the state through increased trade and job creation.”

“This is the beginning of a new economic era for southern New Mexico,” said Economic Development Secretary and NMBA Board Chairman Fred Mondragón. “The new facility will allow the Border Authority to operate at its full capacity and provide space for other entities to establish headquarters near the border with Mexico.”

The New Mexico Border Authority was created by the Legislature in 1991 to encourage and foster economic development in the state by developing port facilities and infrastructure at international ports of entry. The New Mexico Border Authority is administratively attached to the New Mexico Economic Development Department.

While in Santa Teresa, the Governor announced three new companies moving to southern New Mexico.

“I am pleased to announce three businesses are moving to Santa Teresa and Mesilla Park,” said Governor Richardson. “I am committed to investing in southern New Mexico.”

The first new company is D.A., Inc. of Charlestown, Indiana. They are currently operating at a 67,000-square-foot building in Santa Teresa and will be expanding to hire an additional 60 people by 2010. D.A. Inc. is a custom injection-molding manufacturer of automotive parts.

The second company is MCS Industries of Easton, Pennsylvania. MCS is a leading frame manufacturer that makes decorative wall accessories, posters, photo albums, and scrapbooks. MCS will establish operations in a 141,000-square-foot building in Santa Teresa as well. MCS will begin operations in Santa Teresa in June with 15 workers and will have 50 by 2010.

The third company is Schaefer Outfitter of Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Schaefer makes western style outerwear – vests, shirts, jeans, accessories and luggage. They are moving into an 8,000 square foot building in Mesilla Park and will begin operations in May with 6 workers, increasing up to 50 employees by 2010. Schaefer is the last manufacturer of western apparel in the United States.

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