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## **Governor Bill Richardson Engages Rapid Response Team to Aid Eclipse Aviation Employees**

*New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions to Provide Displacement Services*

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today directed the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions to engage the state’s Rapid Response Team to assist Eclipse Aviation employees affected by layoffs. Eclipse Aviation announced the layoffs earlier today which will affect approximately 650 employees.

“I want the Eclipse Rapid Response team to move quickly to transition workers into new employment or training opportunities,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “We will make every state resource available and ready for those employees who need our help.”

“We have developed a plan to address the needs of Eclipse employees and the business to lessen adverse conditions associated with the loss of jobs. We will help displaced New Mexicans return to gainful employment as soon as possible,” said Cabinet Secretary, Betty Sparrow Doris, NM Department of Workforce Solutions.

The Rapid Response Team prepares a customized management plan to respond to layoffs that occur in our state. The team will assess impacted workers and coordinate directly with officials from Eclipse to provide on-site resource assistance to employees as appropriate. The Department of Workforce Solutions will review hiring opportunities with other businesses to minimize the length of time that affected employees are not employed.

The Rapid Response Team will provide information to every employee affected by a layoff.

The dislocated employees will receive assistance and information on services provided by the state, such as: Employment Services; Unemployment Insurance Benefit registration; Education and Training opportunities; and Veteran Services.

The Rapid Response Team will work closely with Eclipse Aviation management to coordinate the delivery of services to the dislocated workers. Several meetings between Eclipse Aviation employees and state workforce officials are planned for August 28 and 29, 2008.

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