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Governor Bill Richardson Seeks Ideas to Redevelop EXPO New Mexico

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today announced that the state is seeking ideas and information from interested parties to redevelop the EXPO New Mexico into a 21st century showcase.

The Department of Finance & Administration today released a Request for Information (RFI) as part of the planning process to renovate the existing state fairgrounds in a way that compliments the surrounding communities, demonstrates responsible planning, and makes good use of the State's resources.

“I want to involve the public, including the private sector, as we explore all options for renovating the fairgrounds after the Downs of Albuquerque moves to its new location,” Governor Richardson said.

The Governor is interested in ideas that may include replacing Tingley Coliseum and the Downs racetrack with a world class EXPO New Mexico Exhibit Center. In the effort to maximize the use of space, the State is open to considering alternative uses for the property, including but not limited to community green space, multi-use buildings, and commercial or residential development.

The RFI seeks to provide companies, consortiums, associations, firms and/or individuals an opportunity to participate in the State's plans to develop innovative and environmentally sound uses for this land. EXPO New Mexico will seek out expertise in public/private partnerships, and will consider creating a broad-based task force of community and neighborhood leaders to ensure all future uses are explored.

EXPO New Mexico, the marketing name for the facilities commonly referred to as the “state fairgrounds,” consists of 237 acres within the City of Albuquerque, and contains approximately 1,000,000 square feet of buildings and 7,500 parking spaces. More than 700,000 people attend the annual State Fair, and an additional 700,000 people visit EXPO New Mexico while attending other events such as concerts, car shows, equestrian events, and the weekend flea markets.

If you are interested in responding to Governor Richardson's RFI, please visit the EXPO NM and/or Department of Finance and Administration website for more information. Information will be available online by Tuesday and the RFI is available at www.governor.state.nm.us as well. Responses to the RFI must be submitted by August 15, 2008.

There will be a pre-response conference at the site for interested parties at 10:00am on Friday, July 18th at the State fairgrounds.

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