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Governor Richardson's Veterans Museum Task Force Seeks Ideas from Communities for New Veterans Museum

Public Meeting Schedule for July 30 in Albuquerque

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson's Veteran Museum Task Force is seeking ideas from communities. The Veterans Museum Task Force met recently and they are looking for local input to choose a location for the new State of New Mexico Veterans Museum.

The 20 member Task Force has invited interested communities to present their proposals on July 30th at 10:00am at the Wells Fargo Theater at the National Hispanic Cultural Center. Each community will have thirty minutes to present.

Criteria identified by the task force that are necessary for a final recommendation to the Governor include population, local support, existing facilities and local veteran population. In their proposals, the task force is also asking communities to provide a "dream sheet" image of the size of the proposed museum, the number of expected visitors per year and a projected budget.

A final meeting of the Veterans Museum Task Force will be held in early August to order to vote on a recommendation. A written report on the activities of the task force and the recommended site for the museum will be submitted to the Governor no later than August 20, 2008.

Governor Richardson has said that he will support legislation in the upcoming 2009 session to create a Veterans Museum once a suitable location has been selected.

Communities looking for information please contact Ana Canales, Department of Cultural Affairs at 505-827-8425 or via email at ana.canales@state.nm.us.

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