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Governor Richardson, US Air Force Assistant Secretary Anderson Announce Clean Energy Agreements

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today announced that the State of New Mexico and US Air Force, along with the cities of Alamogordo, Clovis and Albuquerque had entered into agreements to pursue four new clean energy projects. These Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) are the result of a two-day New Mexico Energy Investment Initiative Conference, which brought together high-level thinkers on energy from across the country and key leaders around our state to work together to renewable energy projects.

“We’ve worked hard to put together strong policy and powerful incentives to attract and keep clean energy development in our state, and putting together specific clean energy projects is the next logical step,” said Governor Bill Richardson. “Each of these clean energy projects--from moving Holloman and Kirtland toward green power purchasing to the generation of electricity from biogas—strengthen our claim that New Mexico is the clean energy state.”

“These opportunities support the Air Force Energy Program to increase supplies of green energy and provide distributed power to the bases,” said Assistant Secretary Anderson. “These are the first renewable energy MOUs the Air Force has signed with any state in the nation.”

During this two-day Energy Investment Initiative Conference, the parties have been able to put together four memoranda of understanding (MOU):

1. An agreement among the Air Force, the City of Alamogordo and the State of New Mexico to pursue a project to supply solar power to Holloman Air Force Base.
2. An agreement with the Air Force, the Southwest Biomass Cooperative, the City of Clovis, and state of New Mexico to pursue the creation of a plant to utilize New Mexico's abundant dairy waste. This may consist of a cogeneration project to generate electricity, and a bio-methane pipeline-quality gas project.
3. A memorandum of understanding among the Air Force, the City of Albuquerque and the State of New Mexico announcing the Air Force’s intention to pursue green power purchasing at its facilities in New Mexico. Two possibilities include piggybacking on

PNM's existing solar RFP and exploring a thin film solar photovoltaic project as a means of supplying state and city power needs.

4. An agreement between the Air Force, the City of Clovis, and the State of New Mexico to pursue a wind energy project.

If all of these projects reach completion, they will add up to approximately \$600 to 800 million dollars in capital investment and between 145 to 245 megawatts of additional renewable energy in our state.