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Governor Richardson to Hold a Community Meeting to Hear from New Mexicans who Have Ideas for EXPO New Mexico

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson will hold a community meeting on Friday, Aug. 8, in Albuquerque to hear directly from New Mexicans who have ideas for redeveloping EXPO New Mexico.

“I want to hear from the public, including the private sector and neighborhood associations, to explore every option for renovating the state fairgrounds,” said Governor Richardson.

The Governor will be accompanied by EXPO officials, Finance Secretary Katherine Miller and local legislators, whom will be available to the public for questions and comments about the state fairgrounds.

Governor Richardson is interested in ideas that may include replacing Tingley Coliseum and the Downs Racetrack with a world class EXPO New Mexico Exhibit Center. In effort to maximize the use of the space, the State is open to considering alternative uses for the property, including community green space, multi-use buildings and commercial or residential development.

EXPO New Mexico consists of 237 acres within the city of Albuquerque and contains approximately 1,000,000 square feet of buildings and 7,500 parking spaces.

The community meeting will be held on **Friday, August 8, 2008 at 1:30pm in the auditorium at the African American Performing Arts Center on the State Fairgrounds.**

This event is open to the media and the public. We urge those who would like to attend, to arrive prior to 1:30pm.

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