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Governor Bill Richardson Travels to Europe, Middle East To Recruit Jobs to New Mexico

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson is leaving today to Europe and the Middle East to participate in dozens of high-level meetings with business and political leaders in an aggressive effort to recruit jobs and investments to New Mexico.

During his six-country swing, Governor Richardson will also meet with Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Zapatero, King Juan Carlos of Spain and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert. The Governor will also likely meet with Egyptian President Mohamed Hosni Mubarak.

Governor Richardson will meet with leading European energy and solar companies to familiarize them with New Mexico's clean energy incentives and friendly business climate. The Governor will meet with aerospace companies to encourage investment in Spaceport America in Southern New Mexico. He will also meet with film executives in Spain and France to discuss production opportunities and co-investment in films shot in New Mexico.

The Governor will address the Forbes Magazine-sponsored Forbes CEO Europe Forum to discuss the American economy. While in France, the Governor will explore business opportunities and explore with Santa Fe Mayor David Coss the possibility of a Sister City agreement with the Mayor of Cannes.

Governor Richardson will also speak to dozens of business leaders in Israel and Egypt about trade with New Mexico.

“This trip is an all-out effort to pursue jobs and investment for New Mexico so we can keep our economic momentum going strong,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “Despite a downturn in the national economy, I am using all of my energy to continue to create high-wage jobs in New Mexico.”

Economic Development Secretary Fred Mondragon, who will accompany Governor Richardson on the trip, said: “We have laid the groundwork with attractive incentives that

should be well received by energy, solar, aerospace and film companies in Europe. I am confident that Governor Richardson will convince some of these companies to seriously consider doing business with New Mexico.”

The New Mexico Partnership, a public-private non-profit organization that works with business and state government to recruit jobs to the state, is paying most costs of the Governor’s travel.

Governor Richardson’s tentative public schedule is as follows:

Saturday, June 7 – Madrid, Spain

- 1:45 p.m. News Availability for Spanish media
- 2:30 p.m. Governor receives Leadership Award and delivers speech to the Young Hispanic Conference
Location: Casa De Americas, Plaza de la Cibelas, 2, 28014 Madrid
- 5:45 p.m. Meeting with Spanish Film Producers and Executives
- 7:30 p.m. Reception with top Spanish CEO’s

Sunday, June 8 – Madrid, Spain

- 9:00 a.m. Meeting with Ambassador Eduardo Aguirre, U.S. Ambassador to Spain
- 2:30 p.m. Meeting with former Spanish Ambassador José Lladó and Ambassador Eduardo Garrigues
- 11:00 p.m. Meeting with Ramon DeMiguel, former Spanish State Secretary for European Affairs and a consultant for Iberdrola, Spain’s largest energy group and the world’s largest wind-energy company.

Monday, June 9 – Madrid, Spain

- 8:15 a.m. Meeting with Spanish energy company
- 9:15 a.m. Speech to Casa de Americas
Issue: Hispanic political influence
Location: Casa de Americas, Plaza de la Cibeles, 2, 28014 Madrid
- 11:00 a.m. Meeting with Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos
- 1:00 p.m. Meeting with Prime Minister Jose Luis Zapatero
- 2:30 p.m. Meeting with Spanish clean energy company about possible expansion to NM

4:00 p.m. Meeting with several Spanish renewable energy companies about NM incentives

6:30 p.m. Meeting with King Juan Carlos

Tuesday, June 10 – Cannes, France

ALL DAY Panelist on Forbes CEO Europe Forum
Issue: American economy
Location: The Intercontinental Carlton Cannes

Gov. Richardson and Santa Fe Mayor David Coss may meet with the Mayor of Cannes about a potential Sister City agreement centered around film production

7:00 p.m. Dinner meeting and address to several international energy and aerospace company CEO's to promote the Spaceport in NM

Wednesday, June 11 – Munich, Germany

11:30 a.m. Meeting with German company regarding possible involvement in Spaceport America

2:00 p.m. Tour Solar Energy Expo to promote New Mexico solar energy opportunities

4:00 p.m. Meeting with Minister of International Affairs about future cooperation between New Mexico and German on economic development projects

7:00 p.m. Dinner meeting with alternative energy companies and solar energy companies participating in the Expo

Thursday, June 12 – Munich, Germany

8:30 a.m. Tourism breakfast
Issue: Pitch New Mexico as a tourist destination for German business leaders
Location: Mandarin Oriental Munich, Neuturmstrasse 1; 80331, Munich

11:15 a.m. Meeting with Italian firm about possible relocation to New Mexico

12:30 p.m. Luncheon Speech – Siemens Corp

3:00 p.m. Meeting with solar company interested in NM

Friday, June 13 – Oslo, Norway

7:30 a.m. Meeting with electric car company about business opportunities in NM

Governor Richardson will also meet with political leaders, members of parliament and the foreign minister of Norway.

Saturday, June 14 – Tel Aviv, Israel

Travel to Tel Aviv

Possible laying of wreath at the Memorial of former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination

Sunday, June 15 – Tel Aviv – Jerusalem, Israel

9:00 a.m. Briefing and Tour of Israeli technology company – Weizmann Institute

11:30 a.m. Speech – Israel Chamber of Commerce
Issue: Business opportunities and trade with New Mexico
Location: Lilith Restaurant, Tel Aviv

4:00 p.m. Meeting with Prime Minister Ehud Olmert

6:30 p.m. Meeting with President Shimon Peres

Monday, June 16, Cairo, Egypt

7:30 a.m. Meeting with Margaret Scobey, U.S. Ambassador to Egypt

Possible meeting with President Mohamed Hosni Mubarak

5:00 p.m. Meeting with international and Egyptian business leaders with the American Chamber of Commerce

7:00 p.m. Speech – Egypt's International Economic Forum
Location: Marriott Cairo Hotel