



STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
GOVERNOR BILL RICHARDSON



For Immediate Release  
March 3, 2008

Contact: Alarie Ray-Garcia  
(505) 476-2248

## **Governor Bill Richardson Signs 2008 General Obligation Bond Act**

*Governor urges voters to support investment in New Mexico's future*

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today signed the largest Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act in state history during a visit to the University of New Mexico. The comprehensive package includes a commitment of more than \$180 million for New Mexico's colleges and universities.

“This will ensure that our colleges and universities remain on the forefront of technology and research and that we continue to build a highly skilled workforce and high-wage economy,” Governor Richardson said. “I urge voters to support this investment in New Mexico's future when they head to the polls this November.”

The \$223.8 million capital outlay package is outlined in Senate Bill 333. It includes statewide authorizations through general obligation bonds for higher education and special school facilities, health-related facilities, senior citizen facilities and library acquisitions.

The following is a breakdown of issues and highlights:

### **\$139.9 Million- Higher Education and Special School Facilities**

- \$4 million for the University of New Mexico's new Film & Digital Media Facility located at Mesa del Sol
- \$12 million for Central New Mexico Community College's Westside campus
- \$19.8 million for New Mexico State University's Arts Complex

### **\$57.8 Million for Health-Related Facilities**

- \$17 million for UNM's Cancer Research & Treatment Center
- \$7 million for UNM's Dental Residency Phase I

- \$10 million for New Mexico's Behavioral Health Institute in Las Vegas

**\$14.7 Million for Senior Citizen Facilities and Equipment**

- \$1.6 Million for Barelmas Senior Center
- \$ 899,600 for Taos Pueblo Senior Center
- \$600,000 for Mora/Wagon Mound Senior Center

**\$11 Million for Library Acquisitions**

- \$3 million for public school libraries
- \$3 million for public libraries
- \$3 million for academic libraries
- \$2 million for tribal libraries

#30#