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## **Governor Bill Richardson Applauds New Mexico's Distinction as Leader in Manufacturing Momentum**

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today applauded the news that New Mexico was ranked #1 in manufacturing momentum by Business Facilities Magazine.

“This is proof positive that our hard work to create new job opportunities across the state is paying off,” Governor Richardson said. “New Mexico’s expanding manufacturing sector and skilled work force are building on our state’s reputation as a great place to do business.”

New Mexico earned the top spot by showing impressive gains in several important indicators including: value added during manufacturing, value of manufacturing shipments and value added per production worker.

“Thanks to the Governor’s effective leadership in Economic Development and creating business-friendly State Government, New Mexico is way ahead of other states in attracting manufacturing companies,” Economic Development Secretary Fred Mondragon said. “Business Facilities’ recognition should also better position the State to attract more high-paying jobs.”

New Mexico also ranked high in two other categories—coming in 13<sup>th</sup> for both “Cost of Labor” and among “Greenest States.” The City of Albuquerque also earned a spot in the rankings, being named 20<sup>th</sup> in the nation for educated workforce.

Business Facilities uses its ranking to educate corporate executives on the best locations for their growing companies. The rankings will be highlighted in the magazine’s annual July rankings issue.