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Governor Bill Richardson Announces \$24 Million in Stimulus Funds for Schools, Colleges, Tribes and State Government Projects

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today announced more than \$24 million in federal stimulus funds will go to schools, colleges, tribes and other agencies to improve energy efficiency all over New Mexico. The New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department has awarded funding to 28 projects selected through a competitive process.

“These innovative projects throughout the state will provide energy savings through such things as installing solar power, energy efficient lighting, heating and cooling systems, and implementing web conferencing technologies,” Governor Richardson said. “The investments from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will lead to significant energy conservation, which makes government more efficient and saves tax dollars.”

The U.S. Department of Energy’s State Energy Program is administered by the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department’s Energy Conservation and Management Division.

“This is a unique opportunity to invest in green building, energy efficiency and conservation in urban and rural New Mexico,” said Joanna Prukop, Cabinet Secretary of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department. “These projects will help create jobs and improve the economy.”

The Energy Conservation and Management Division used a competitive process to select projects based on Recovery Act goals to improve the efficient use of energy in the building, transportation and other sectors. Projects encourage sustainable, "green" building practices, promote energy efficiency, renewable energy use and support existing programs. Today’s announcement took place at the Museum of International Folk Art one of the recipients. The museum will use funding for replacement of windows and heating, ventilation and air conditioning equipment.

“We’re so pleased to be a recipient of this funding for improvements to our museum,” stated Stuart Ashman, Cabinet Secretary for Cultural Affairs. “Not only will the upgrades make us

much more energy efficient and cut operating overhead, but they will also provide a safer place to preserve the wonderful folk art artifacts that fill the museum.”

Separately, additional awards will be made to municipalities and counties through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program and announced in the coming weeks.

Today’s recipients are:

Award Winner	City/Town	County	Project	Award
University of NM	Albuquerque	Bernalillo	Energy efficient lighting	\$230,000
NMSU Grants Campus	Grants	Cibola	Energy upgrades	\$491,557
Fort Sumner Municipal Schools	Fort Sumner	De Baca	Energy efficient lighting and HVAC	\$500,000
Lordsburg Municipal Schools	Lordsburg	Hidalgo	Lighting replacements at five school buildings	\$171,500
Lovington Municipal Schools	Lovington	Lea	Energy efficient lighting	\$116,000
Jemez Pueblo	Jemez	Sandoval	Biomass heating system for Walatowa Visitor Center	\$99,990
Institute of American Indian Arts	Santa Fe	Santa Fe	Insulation upgrades	\$434,660
Magdalena Municipal School District	Magdalena	Socorro	Solar thermal collector and storage systems	\$119,800
Rio Metro Regional Transit District	Belen Bernalillo	Valencia Sandoval	Solar-powered shade parking structures, bike lockers	\$492,600
Dexter Consolidated Schools	Dexter	Chaves	Energy efficient lighting in four school districts	\$139,406
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Silver City Consolidated School District	Silver City	Grant	Insulated roofs, solar hot water, and energy management system	\$357,500
Clovis Municipal Schools	Clovis	Curry	LED Office lighting	\$76,925
Clovis Community College	Clovis	Curry	Lighting and cooling system replacement	\$119,104
Jicarilla Apache Nation	Dulce	Rio Arriba	Geothermal heating and cooling, solar array, waste-oil burner	\$350,000
Northern NM College	El Rito	Rio Arriba	Heating system replacement	\$495,500
Northern NM College	Espanola	Rio Arriba	Repair existing solar systems	\$456,775
San Juan College	Farmington	San Juan	Solar power system, energy efficiency replacements, workforce/wind generation training, community education	\$475,000
Roy Municipal Schools	Roy	Harding	Energy efficiency measures	\$177,000
State Fair Commission	Albuquerque	Bernalillo	Expo NM parking lot LED lighting	\$71,500
State Fair Commission	Albuquerque	Bernalillo	Tingley Coliseum LED light replacement	\$266,315
University of NM	Albuquerque	Bernalillo	Solar system upgrades	\$128,000
Cloudcroft Schools	Cloudcroft	Otero	Energy efficient lighting	\$150,000
NM School for the Blind and Visually Impaired	Alamogordo	Otero	HVAC, energy efficient lighting and building envelope improvements	\$235,000

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NM Department of Cultural Affairs	Santa Fe	Santa Fe	Window and HVAC replacement for Museum of International Folk Art	\$500,000
NM Department of Information Technology	Statewide	Statewide	Reduce state employee travel through web based collaboration technologies	\$230,000
NM General Services Department	Statewide	Statewide	Lighting, insulation, HVAC upgrades	\$12,000,000
NM Department of Transportation	Statewide	Statewide	LED traffic light bulb replacement project	\$5,000,000
Total				\$24,244,725

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