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## **Governor Bill Richardson Announces \$10 Million to Fund Solar Energy at Schools**

**SANTA FE**– Governor Bill Richardson today announced \$10 million in federal stimulus funds for the development of photovoltaic (PV) or solar electric systems in public schools statewide., Education Secretary Veronica C. García, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Secretary Joanna Prukop and former Governor Toney Anaya joined Governor Richardson for the announcement at Gonzales Elementary School in Santa Fe.

The funding will be used to purchase and install 100 kilowatt solar PV energy systems in up to 20 school districts in New Mexico. In addition to saving schools money on electric utility costs, the systems will stimulate green energy jobs in local communities and support clean energy education in New Mexico’s public schools.

“Renewable energy initiatives at schools will stimulate local, high-wage energy jobs and get kids excited about the math and science they can see at work at their schools,” said Governor Richardson. “These tough economic times are also digging into school budgets. Energy cost savings will go a long way to redirecting funds back to the classrooms.”

Funds will be awarded through a competitive grant application process and any district can apply. School districts are eligible for no more than one award each.

For more specific details, see the attached fact sheet.

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