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City of Clovis Wins 2007 Governor's Community Award for Economic Development

Award presented at 2007 Governor's Economic Development Summit

SANTA FE, NM – Events at the 2007 Governor's Economic Development Summit culminated last Friday in Albuquerque with the presentation of the 2007 Governor's Community Award for Economic Development to officials representing the City of Clovis.

"As Governor, I have made economic development a priority in New Mexico," said Governor Bill Richardson. "I'd like to congratulate Clovis, the first community to be awarded for excellence in economic development. Clovis has made great strides and is leading the way of the future; this is great news for New Mexico."

The Governor's Community Award for Economic Development was created this year to recognize that New Mexico community which exemplifies economic development in all its facets – visionary leadership, a mastery of collaboration and the creative partnering necessary to achieve economic sustainability.

"Frankly, what Clovis has been able to accomplish in terms of sustainable economic development is inspiring," said Economic Development Department Cabinet Secretary Fred Mondragón. "I've been visiting three communities per week on average over the last four months, and my recent visit to Clovis was a revelation. They've made excellent use every economic development resource available to them, from tax credits and other state incentives to innovative financing to agreeing as a community to tax themselves. As a result, the Clovis economy is booming.

As part of the award presentation, a 10-minute video documentary titled "The Clovis Sound" was shown to the Summit audience, detailing Clovis' recent economic progress.

"The Clovis sound, to me, is people saying [to others] 'you are important,'" said Clovis Mayor David Lansford. "Partnership has been the cornerstone of our success and everyone – the community, economic developers, municipal and state government officials – has played an important role. I am extremely proud of this award and of the people of Clovis who made it possible."

The Governor's Community Award for Economic Development will be presented annually at the Governor's Economic Development Summit.

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