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Governor Bill Richardson Applauds Stimulus Award to New Mexico Tech for Technology Training Project

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today applauded the news that the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology has been awarded \$994,219 for a carbon sequestration training project. Carbon sequestration refers to techniques used to capture and store greenhouse gases in geologic formations to reduce global warming.

“New Mexico has long been a leader in addressing climate change, and this award further strengthens New Mexico Tech’s outstanding energy research program,” Governor Richardson said. “These funds will boost our economy and further important work at one of New Mexico’s research universities.”

“It is fitting that New Mexico Tech receive such generous funding to support research in capturing and storing harmful carbon dioxide emissions,” Secretary Ron Curry of the New Mexico Environment Department said. “New Mexico’s unique geology and national leadership on addressing climate change make us a good fit.”

The award, announced by the U.S. Department of Energy, is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. New Mexico Tech intends to develop the Southwestern U.S. Geologic CO₂ Sequestration Training Center, which will be used to conduct outreach and education for industry professionals, the public and students on carbon sequestration issues.

“Carbon sequestration is one of the leading policy issues in the nation, and New Mexico Tech is proud to be part of the solution,” New Mexico Tech President Dr. Daniel H. Lopez said. “This project meshes nicely with an existing major project of roughly \$67 million that we are already working on to capture and store carbon dioxide.”

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