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HSD Deputy Secretary Tapped to Be Project Manager of the State's SHARE Project

Santa Fe, New Mexico – July 27, 2005 – Human Services Department Deputy Secretary for Finance Thomas Romero will move to the state Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), effective August 1. There he will join a project management team that is developing a new initiative called the Statewide Human Resources, Accounting and Management Reporting System, or SHARE, which will eventually be used by all 114 state departments and agencies. The initial phase of the project has already been completed, but as the critical development phase begins Romero will join the management team as project manager. DFA is responsible for implementing SHARE, which is expected to go online July 1, 2006.

“I am happy Tom has agreed to join the management of this immensely important and complicated project,” said James Jimenez, DFA Secretary. The SHARE project will help streamline the personnel and payroll processes across state government and increase efficiency, reduce waste and duplication, and create a more cost effective system. This is line with Governor Richardson’s directive to spend taxpayer money wisely and provide the best possible services.

As deputy secretary, Romero helped transform the Human Services Department from a problem department into a department that is known for doing things right. “Tom’s leadership here has really helped to turn this department around by making it more accountable to the Governor, Legislators and taxpayers for the large and important programs we administer that help so many New Mexicans,” said HSD Secretary Pamela Hyde. “His work at DFA will be just as important in helping all state agencies to move to a single accounting and financial system.”

Replacing Romero as deputy secretary is Daryl Schwebach. Schwebach served as the director of the department’s Administrative Services Division and has been instrumental in fixing many of the accounting, financial and information technology systems’ problems that plagued the department.

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