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Belen Residents to Benefit from Remodeled Human Services and Taxation and Revenue Departments Field Offices

Grand Opening of New Income Support Division and Motor Vehicle Division Offices, Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Santa Fe, New Mexico – The New Mexico Human Services and Taxation and Revenue Departments are celebrating the complete remodel of the Belen Income Support and Motor Vehicle Division field offices with a Grand Opening on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The offices are located at 100 South 5th Street in Belen.

The six-month, \$1 million renovation of the state owned 6,920 square foot building was completed late last month. Improvements include a safer environment for staff and clients, a more efficient air and cooling system, an updated look and feel, and the continued convenience of the easily accessible location for Belen and southern Valencia County residents.

“The Human Services Department alone serves more than 5,000 people each month at the Belen office and the remodel was much needed to serve our clients in the most efficient way possible,” said Pamela Hyde, HSD Secretary.

Both the Motor Vehicle Division and Income Support Division have occupied the Belen building since it was built in 1985. “This joint effort by HSD and MVD is a model for state agencies working together, offering outstanding customer service to all New Mexicans,” stated Taxation and Revenue Secretary Rick Homans.

State Senator Michael Sanchez was instrumental in acquiring the funding for the renovation for the 23 year old building. “The residents of Belen and southern Valencia County deserve to have a safe and easily accessible place to go to get income support and motor vehicle services,” said Sen. Sanchez. “I am pleased with the remodel and know it will serve the Belen area for years to come.”

The public is invited to attend the Grand Opening to see first hand how the remodel will mean a more pleasant experience when visiting the Income Support and Motor Vehicle offices.

Since January 2003, the Human Services Department (HSD) has moved into or opened 20 new offices statewide. Over the next two years, the department is scheduled to move into seven new offices. Overall, the department has 52 field offices serving the public statewide.

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