



NEW MEXICO HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
P.O. Box 2348
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2348

Bill Richardson
Governor

Kathryn Falls
Secretary

Media contact: Betina Gonzales McCracken (505) 476-6205

May 27, 2010
For Immediate Release

NM Human Services Department to Redesign New Mexico Works Program

No Contract Award for Request for Proposal

Santa Fe, New Mexico – The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) Secretary Katie Falls has decided to not award a contract in response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the New Mexico Works Program. The Department will instead move in a different direction for the program that serves New Mexico’s Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

“The Human Services Department has a unique opportunity to redesign the program for the state by beginning a pilot in-house model for the southeastern part of the state,” said Falls. “The pilot will be designed to better serve our customers with case management, career planning, education, and other important support services that are vital in assisting TANF parents become employed.”

The Human Services Department will amend its existing agreements with the New Mexico State University (NMSU) and the Commission on the Status of Women to continue serving the rest of the state.

The pilot program and amended agreements will be in place by July 1, 2010. The total TANF funding for the New Mexico Works program is \$12 million for the next budget year, which are all federal dollars.

Earlier this month the Department began contract negotiations with Arbor Education and Training. However, the decision to not award a contract means the contract negotiations with Arbor have ended.

###