



# State of New Mexico

*Office of the Governor*

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## ***A Message from Governor Bill Richardson to New Mexico Teachers***

As Governor, I am excited to welcome back to New Mexico the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF) for 2007. Coming to Albuquerque May 13-19, 2007, this premier pre-college celebration of sciences will bring together 1500 high school student finalists from all 50 states and 47 countries. Students bring their cutting-edge research to compete for scholarships, tuition grants and cash awards. New Mexico's top students will compete in this fair, as they have in the past and have taken top honors.

I encourage you to use this 2007 Intel ISEF as a springboard for your students to participate in the science research process, leading to future international fairs. These opportunities are essential for the next generation of New Mexicans to maintain a competitive edge and become leaders in scientific and technological industry.

An integral component of the 2007 Intel ISEF is the education outreach program. On Thursday and Friday, May 17-18, 2007, students and teachers from around the state can visit the fair and connect with science education community members in New Mexico. Outreach activities include workshops for students and teachers, as well as opportunities to interact with the finalists. These activities are great motivators for students and teachers to engage in scientific inquiry—a fundamental theme of our excellent New Mexico science standards.

I encourage you to bring your students to the 2007 Intel ISEF to participate in educational outreach activities. Classes wishing to attend the fair must register in advance. Registration will be conducted online beginning January 17, 2007. Please see the 2007 Intel ISEF website, [www.intelisef2007.org](http://www.intelisef2007.org), for registration procedures and further information.

As Honorary Chair, please accept my personal invitation to participate in this excellent learning opportunity, which last came to New Mexico in 1983. I urge you not to miss this outstanding research event!

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Richardson".

Bill Richardson  
Governor of New Mexico