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Albuquerque Contractor Awarded US 64 Bridge Reconstruction Project Under Governor Richardson's Investment Partnership (GRIP)

SANTA FE – Transportation Secretary Rhonda Faught announced today that A.S.Horner, Inc., an Albuquerque contractor, has been awarded the bridge reconstruction contract on US 64 under Governor Richardson's Investment Partnership (GRIP).

A.S. Horner, Inc. was the low bidder on the project that includes reconstruction of the Gobernador Arroyo Bridge on US 64 in Rio Arriba County. This project is one of the seven segments to reconstruct and improve various sections of US 64 between Rio Arriba County Line and East of Jct US 84.

"Breaking down GRIP projects into smaller segments so our in-state contractors can competitively bid for jobs works," said Secretary Faught. "Through this process, we can nurture and build our in-state businesses."

GRIP includes more than 40 transportation and highway improvement projects across the state. These projects have been sized into about 125 contracts so New Mexico contractors could competitively bid for work.

A.S. Horner, Inc. will start work on the Gobernador Bridge by November 11, 2004 and expected to last approximately four months. The cost of this project is expected to be about \$1.56 million.

GRIP is an economic benefit package that will create 8,000 new jobs; employ hundreds of New Mexico businesses; have a \$10.9 billion direct savings impact on the citizens of

New Mexico in terms of commuter cost, safety and vehicle operating costs, increase state personal income, mostly wages and salaries, by \$170 million a year; and generate nearly \$90 million in direct gross receipt taxes on construction and millions more in payroll taxes. GRIP will also enhance safety on New Mexico highways and roads.

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