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### **UNM PROFESSOR APPOINTED TO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD**

*Santa Fe resident Andres C. Salazar is newest member*

The Regional Development Corporation (RDC), a non-profit economic development organization serving the northern New Mexico tri-county region, announced today that Dr. Andres C. Salazar has accepted a position on its board of directors.

Salazar holds the title of professor and is the PNM Chair in Microsystems, Commercialization and Technology at the University of New Mexico, a joint appointment between the Anderson Schools of Management and the School of Engineering.

Salazar, a UNM graduate, holds a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Michigan State University and an MBA from Edinburgh Business School at Heriot-Watt University in the United Kingdom. Salazar recently joined UNM after a 34-year career in the high tech industry on the East Coast with the last eight years in Atlanta as chief executive officer of a public high tech company. He worked for 18 years at Bell Laboratories and various divisions of AT&T, his last position as vice president and CTO of AT&T Paradyne. During 1975-76, he was a telecom expert for the United Nations stationed in Mexico City. He also spent eight years as an executive at high tech companies in the Boston area between stints at AT&T.

A 501(c)(3) corporation, the RDC leads northern New Mexico's regional economic development and diversification in collaboration with local, statewide and U.S. Department of Energy policy initiatives that benefit the regional economy.

"We are happy to have Dr. Salazar join our board," said Lillian Montoya-Rael, executive director of the RDC. "He brings a prodigious amount of industrial experience and leadership. He has worked at large companies and small companies in four different eastern states and even has economic development experience with his time at the United Nations."

Recently the RDC board has adopted a proactive collaborative approach to diversifying northern New Mexico's economy. In June 2001, the RDC became the New Mexico headquarters for the Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program, which provides free technical assistance to small businesses from NASA's Alliance Partnership.

"It is a pleasure to join the RDC board since its scope is in line with the economic development vision of the PNM Chair endowment," said Salazar. "As a native of the Espanola Valley, I feel

an extra commitment to helping the RDC reach its goals of economic diversity in the tri-county area.”

For more information on the RDC, visit [www.rdcnm.org](http://www.rdcnm.org), or call (505) 820-1226.

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