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RICK HOMANS
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The Secretary of the Economic Development Department Rick Homans



Rick Homans, Secretary of the Economic Development Department was Governor Bill Richardson's first appointment in his 2003 administration. Homans was the deputy campaign director for Richardson's successful gubernatorial bid, serving as the Governor's lead policy advisor.

Since Homans took charge of the department in January, 2003 he has launched several initiatives, including the public/private Economic Development Partnership based in Albuquerque and the Certified Communities Initiative which attracted participation from around New Mexico.

Before his State appointment, Homans was Chairman and CEO of Starlight Media Group. In 1994 he founded NM Business Weekly and managed the publishing of this periodical until its sale in 2000.

Homans was the co-founder of the Albuquerque Children's Museum and is a former chair of the Albuquerque Convention and Visitor's Bureau, as well as a board member and vice-chair of the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of The Kirtland Partnership Committee that successfully fought to maintain Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque. Mr. Homans is 2000 graduate of Leadership New Mexico, an organization founded to identify current and emerging leaders throughout New Mexico.

Rick Homans lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and is married with two children