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## **Secretary Mondragón Encourages NM Leaders to Attend the 2009 Rural Economic Development Forum** *“Economic Development is a Team Sport”*

SANTA FE, NM – The Economic Development Department, the Rural Alliance and New Mexico IDEA would like to invite city, county, economic development officials and volunteers to attend the Rural Economic Development Forum in Farmington, April 29th- May 1st.

This year the Rural Forum will feature keynote speaker Chuck Nielson, formerly a Texas Instruments executive, now a frontier community leader who will share his incredible success stories.

Opening day of the Forum will feature a baseball game between economic development professionals and elected officials.

The New Mexico Rural Alliance is a statewide non-profit organization whose mission is to provide training and education to community leaders in order to improve rural economic viability. This mission is accomplished by sponsoring and developing educational events such as the Rural Economic Development Forum.

Registration is currently available at [www.nmrural.org](http://www.nmrural.org) and is only \$99 before March 31<sup>st</sup>. Do not miss this opportunity to network with and learn from other New Mexico community leaders.

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