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New Mexico State Fair

NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR COMMISSION



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On Dec. 3, Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham announced a request for proposals for the redevelopment of the New Mexico State Fairgrounds, sprurring major changes to 236 acres of state-owned land.

“This collaboration between state, city and county governments could drive billions in new investment for the International District and nearby communities,” Lujan Grisham said in a statement.

The announcement today followed a meeting of the State Fair Commission, where members voted unanimously to issue the RFP Wednesday morning. It will be available on EXPO New Mexico’s [website](#).

Proposed plans are expected to include housing, commerce, entertainment venues and more, according to a news release.

The RFP specifically seeks a consulting firm with expertise in community planning and engagement, urban design and economic development and analysis to develop the master plan and needs for the next decade or two.

The timeline to produce a plan is six months, and the public will have opportunities to provide input for the plan once a contractor is selected, according to the release.

Proposals will be reviewed toward the end of January.

The RFP comes as estimates indicate Albuquerque needs 55,000 new residential dwellings to keep pace with population growth over the next decade.

During the last legislative session, New Mexico lawmakers appropriated \$500,000 in capital outlay funding to Expo New Mexico for the development of a master plan with central ideas considered, including the development of a modern arena with capacity to support large-scale concerts and events and the identification of potential new sites for the annual New Mexico State Fair event and potential mixed-income housing opportunities.

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