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**Senator Tom Udall Keynote Speaker at REDI Net Official Launch and Ribbon Cutting Event on August 16th, 2013, 1:30PM**

**ESPAÑOLA, NM** — Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) will be the keynote speaker at the official launch and ribbon cutting of the REDI Middle-Mile Broadband Network (REDI Net) at 1:30PM on August 16, 2013. REDI Net is a high-speed, open access middle-mile broadband network that is being built in Northern New Mexico. The network will serve over 120 community institutions and thousands of end users, through partnerships with last-mile providers. The network is currently operational in parts of Rio Arriba, Los Alamos and Santa Fe counties. The network is operational and aims to provide enhancements to public safety, telehealth, distant education and economic development opportunities in Northern New Mexico.

Remarks from Senator Udall, Representative Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), Senator Heinrich's office, and project partners will begin at 1:30PM at the Rio Arriba County Annex in Española. An open house will follow with a demonstration and information of current project status and activities. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. A pre-event will be hosted by Tesuque Pueblo at the Intergeneration Center to start at 10:00AM.

Joint Powers Agreement Project Partners include, in alphabetical order, the City of Española, Los Alamos County, the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District, Ohkay Owingeh, Pojoaque Pueblo, Rio Arriba County, Santa Clara Pueblo, Santa Fe County and Tesuque Pueblo. REDI Net is funded by $10.6 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

For information about REDI Net or the event, visit [www.redinetnm.org](http://www.redinetnm.org)

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