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### **Border Health Project Reception Announced**

The Border Health Information and Education Network (BIEN!), a consortium of seventeen public libraries, academic institutions and health organizations in Dona Ana, Luna and Otero counties, will meet on Friday, January 19, at the New Mexico Department of Health Public Services building at 1170 N. Solano. Interested members of the public and campus community are welcome to attend a reception scheduled from 4:15 to 5:00 p.m.

BIEN! was formed two years ago for the purpose of creating a partnership between libraries, academia and health organizations to promote health consciousness and a healthy lifestyle among the residents of the tri-county region. The consortium members were aware of the critical need for health and medical information in this area. Out of the desire to make quality health information more available to residents, BIEN! submitted a proposal to the National Library of Medicine (NLM). A \$204,000 grant was awarded in June 2000 for the purpose of launching the project, naming the NMSU Library as the lead agency. Sylvia Ortiz, the Head of Reference at NMSU's Branson Library, is the project coordinator and principal investigator. For more information on the reception or the BIEN! project, please contact Sylvia Ortiz at 646-7481, or project staff members Judith Pearson or Molly McGetrick at 646-3078.