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**NMAA And Albuquerque One of Two Finalist To Host  
National High School Basketball Tourney**

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** - The New Mexico Activities Association is excited to announce that the NMAA and the City of Albuquerque have been selected as one of two nationwide finalists to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual T-Mobile Invitational National High School Basketball Tournament in Dec. 2007.

Members of the 2007 tournament selection committee will be touring the city of Albuquerque, the NMAA and The Pit on Tuesday, Feb. 20. They will also attend the New Mexico vs. San Diego State basketball game at The Pit on Tuesday evening.

All eight games of the 2006 tournament, held in Seattle Washington, were televised live on the VERSUS television network. Available in more than 70 million homes, the network has added 7.2 million homes since January, making it the fastest-growing cable network in the sports category.

Four boys and four girls teams are invited to participate in the tournament. The teams are selected, in part, through USA TODAY's "Super 25" high school basketball rankings. The host state has the opportunity to select a boys and a girls team to participate in the tournament.

The T-Mobile Invitational was created to bring national attention to the positive ways that interscholastic activity programs enrich the lives of students.

The tournament is part of the partnership between T-Mobile and the National Federation of State High School Associations. In addition to the basketball tournament, the multi-year agreement between the NFHS and T-Mobile includes T-Mobile's sponsorship of the NFHS annual student leadership conference, plus other initiatives and events.

Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, said "having the opportunity to host a tournament of this magnitude is exciting for not only Albuquerque and the NMAA, but for the entire state of New Mexico. We have wonderful students, incredible facilities and an extremely supportive fan base to support a national tournament."

The selection committee anticipates awarding the 2007 tournament at the end of February.

For more information regarding the T-Mobile National Tournament, please contact NMAA Director of Communications, Robert Zayas at (505) 977-5386.