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Oso Grande General Manager Announces Retirement, Leaves Albuquerque-Based Firm Poised for Continued Growth

Summary: After years of building a leading New Mexico data center, Richard Vasquez is credited with readying Oso for future success in the fast-changing tech industry.

November 15, 2021: Albuquerque, NM; Charlotte, NC – Richard Vasquez, General Manager of the Albuquerque-based Oso Grande Technologies, Inc., has announced his retirement, effective December 1, 2021. Vasquez came to Oso in the spring of 2016 as Director of Sales and Business Development. By that time, he was already a veteran in the tech field, and brought a wealth of experience with him to his new role. Three years later Vasquez assumed the position of General Manager for Oso, a position that drew on both his personal and professional strengths and now leaves Oso stronger than ever.

"It has been my privilege to serve for so many years in the region I care so much about," says Vasquez. "I've also enjoyed the full support of the Oso Board. This relationship has allowed us to ensure Oso has the structure and resources necessary to thrive going forward."

A graduate of the University of New Mexico, Vasquez began his career as a network engineer and later IT Manager for the State of New Mexico. For over 15 years, he worked with various state government agencies. Eventually, Vasquez joined the private sector and turned his focus to sales and business development. For the next 18 years, he served the Albuquerque region in this capacity—first at Network Architects, later in a dual role at ANM and Oso, eventually landing fulltime at OSO. As technology needs changed, Vasquez earned a reputation for helping customers keep up with an industry in flux.

"As a result of Vasquez leadership, Oso is positioned for marked growth in the coming years," comments Oso Board Chair Dennis Jontz. "Together, the Board and Vasquez have been successful at building an exceptional team and taking the steps necessary to achieve our strategic vision."

As General Manager at Oso Grande, Vasquez oversaw the day-to-day operations, including management of staff, sales, and financial resources, as well as upkeep of the data center infrastructure. His in-depth understanding of the IT field and service-minded approach enabled him to ready Oso for ongoing growth. Recently, Vasquez and the Oso Board agreed on several initiatives designed to serve the company for the long term. Among them, a US marketing firm was hired to raise company visibility and explore opportunities within the film and media industry.

"Richard came to us with a truly remarkable range of experience in both the public and private sectors," remarks ANM CEO and Oso Board member Raminder Mann. "His impressive work ethic reflects his personal mission to serve others. This is his powerful legacy."

In his retirement, Vasquez says he intends to stay abreast of tech trends and will utilize his experience as a consultant to public and private entities.

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