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New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson Issues Statement On DOE Decision To Award Management Contract to Los Alamos National Security LLC

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SANTA FE – New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson today issued the following statement regarding the Department of Energy’s decision to award the future management of Los Alamos National Laboratory to Los Alamos National Security LLC.

“I am very pleased that the US Department of Energy has chosen Los Alamos National Security LLC (LANS) as the future manager of Los Alamos National Laboratory,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “I believe that this team, which includes the current contractor, the University of California, and a consortium of New Mexico higher education institutions, will be best for the lab, the country and my State of New Mexico. I am particularly pleased that New Mexico higher education institutions, including the University of New Mexico, New Mexico State University, and the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, will have an integral role in the scientific work of Los Alamos.”

Governor Bill Richardson met in 2004 with the University of California Board of Regents to urge U.C. to continue its long history of public service to our country by competing for continued management of the Los Alamos National Laboratory. Governor Richardson urged the University of California to compete for the contract because it offers the Department of Energy the unique ability to create a scientific environment that allows Los Alamos to recruit and keep the best possible staff while allowing them to flourish as they work to meet the nation and the department’s missions.

“As the team moves through the transition process, it is critical that LANS continues to pay close attention to the needs and concerns of my constituents at the laboratory and throughout Northern New Mexico,” Governor Richardson said. “I urge them to meet with the employees regarding the development of their new pension and benefit programs. I also urge them to meet with the community members and their leaders to receive their input and to better understand how the laboratory can contribute to the economic and social well being of Northern New Mexico.”

“As former Energy Secretary, I know that it is the scientists and the many other men and women who make Los Alamos National Laboratory the crown jewel of this nation’s scientific establishment. Los Alamos has a proud history, one of great scientific and technical achievement, and today’s decision by DOE will allow the laboratory’s great work to continue, under strong leadership, well into the future.”

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