



## State of New Mexico

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### **Governor Bill Richardson applauds partnership between NM Higher Education Institutions and University of California to form Institute at LANL**

SANTA FE, NM- New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson today issued the following statement:

“In November of 2004 I spoke before the University of California Board of Regents and expressed my concern that for too long academic institutions in New Mexico were on the outside looking in at educational partnerships and opportunities at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Today, through this proposed partnership between the University of California and the University of New Mexico, New Mexico Tech, and New Mexico State University, a new day has arrived for these New Mexico academic institutions and LANL. I applaud the University of California for recognizing the research potential that these fine institutions have to offer the lab and the nation.

This would be a win-win for all the parties involved as the laboratory gains additional research expertise, the universities will have the opportunity to provide input to the scientific and technological work being done at the lab, UC gains a strong set of partners for a possible bid and, most importantly, the nation gains an increased investment in scientific and technological knowledge.

This partnership will further enhance economic development in Northern New Mexico and will help to strengthen the pipeline of scientists and researchers well trained to do the important work of our nation. In addition, this partnership will provide New Mexico University students hands-on experience in a wide variety of research fields.

I look forward to watching this scientific partnership grow and mature. The opportunity to work closely with Los Alamos National Laboratory on the scientific and technological challenges facing our nation is a tremendous honor for these institutions and our state.”

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