

# Los Alamos, New Mexico

(pop. 18,000)



Community support for  
the future of LANL and  
its Mission

# “Striking a balance and finding common ground” includes a focus on four key areas:

- Concentrating on intergovernmental relations with LANL & others within our County borders
- Expanding beyond our County borders to partner with Northern NM neighbors on issues of joint interest
- Seeking independence through economic diversification initiatives and projects that are mutually beneficial to LANL
- Recognizing co-dependence – how can we help LANL attract the “best and brightest” for their mission and bring new residents to Los Alamos?

# Within our Borders

- Direct Interaction with LANL – Monthly meetings with top staff keep communication flowing
- Fire Contract – Negotiated services with nearly \$6 million in County contributions under a collective bargaining agreement to support LANL fire/rescue/emergency response
- County/Schools Collaboration – Supporting top ranked schools in the nation with funding every 2 years for capital projects, such as \$1.2 million for high school auditorium renovations
- Infrastructure Support – Daily County operations, such as free transit, programs for children of LANL employees through our libraries, Teen Center and Nature Center
- Creating Opportunities – Encouraging dual career recruitment through the “projectY” incubator cowork space

# Beyond our Borders

- Regional Coalition of LANL Communities – Joint effort with Northern New Mexico neighbors, traveling regularly to D.C. to voice support for regional needs
- Regional Initiatives – Resources and funds for public transportation for commuters, high-speed broadband, and economic development across Northern New Mexico
- State & Federal Level – Support for continued and enhanced LANL operations through development of legislative agendas and lobbying
- Beyond New Mexico – Recognize importance of finding partners who share similar interests and will join our support on behalf of Los Alamos and the continuing mission of LANL

# Seeking Independence through Economic Diversification

- High-Tech Start-Ups – Helping tech spin-offs (nanotech, satellite image analysis, biotech) through attractive lease agreements, loans and grants (\$7.4M); building relationships with Feynman Center (tech transfer); and facilitating LANL/external collaboration
- Manhattan Project National Historical Park/Bandelier National Monument/Valles Caldera National Preserve – Gateway to Three National Parks – Developing “behind the fence” tours of sites for tourism; supporting three National Parks within 20 miles of townsite (new Visitor Center, office space for Park Rangers, shuttle service, joint marketing)
- Enhancing the Los Alamos Experience – Launching affordable housing, home buyer and renovation programs to improve housing stock; market rate home development on DOE transfer sites

# Acknowledging Co-dependence

- Being Business Friendly – Keeping taxes moderate, so Los Alamos stays business-competitive; bringing in new businesses (Smith's Marketplace) while supporting local businesses, helps LANL operations and decreases retail activity "leakage"
- Utilities Support – Shared resources and costs, like the electric coordination agreement; partnering with LANL on environmental sustainability projects helps all involved
- Emergency Response – Cooperating with LANL for Fire/Police efforts for emergency situations, as well as daily traffic/road updates to keep the community safe and informed
- Creating an Attractive Place – Supporting LANL recruitment with family-friendly amenities, like the Nature Center (community environmental education) and ADA and youth-friendly Canyon Rim Trail

# Challenges & Opportunities

## Challenges:

- New LANL M&O contractor Triad takes over Nov. 1 – Taxability status unclear; could impact our general tax receipts by about 50% annually
- National and State Legislation – Environmental clean up; EPA and NMED regulatory requirements; funding uncertainties
- Continued & Unavoidable Reliance on a Single Economic Engine

## Opportunities:

- LANL Recruitment Resulting in Increased and Younger Demographics – Improved demand for housing, school services, retail and up-scale retirement living to promote housing churn
- Strong Long-Term LANL Mission – Build on a history of collaboration;
- Successful Spin-Offs – May have found secret sauce on LANL tech transfer
- Tourism Opportunities – Improved amenities; dual-career opportunities; unexploited potential (history, high-altitude and active recreation, scenery)

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