Los Alamos National Laboratory board renews plan for education, economic development, charitable giving

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$3.1 million approved for 2014

LOS ALAMOS, N.M., Sept. 18, 2013—The Los Alamos National Security, LLC Board of Governors last week approved a $3.1 million extension to the company's plan supporting education, economic development and charitable giving in Northern New Mexico.

"We've tailored our programs very carefully to leverage dollars for the maximum benefit to the community," said Lab Director and LANS President Charlie McMillan. "Working with regional leaders, we've built a constructive and mutually beneficial relationship."

LANS is the managing and operating contractor for Los Alamos National Laboratory. The LANS Community Commitment Plan has provided more than $20 million to the region since 2007. For 2014 the Plan will provide:

- $1 million for economic development such as financial and technical assistance to start and grow regional businesses
- $1.1 million for educational programs and scholarships for New Mexico students and teachers as well as workforce development programs
- $1 million to match employee gifts to non-profits

Leverage examples include matching employee contributions to the annual charitable giving drive. The 2013 drive raised more than double the 2007 total, distributing $3.1 million for non-profits.

In another example, LANS matches employee contributions to the LANL Employee Scholarship Fund. The Fund raised more than $559,000 in 2013 and provided scholarships to 72 students.

LANS has been the Laboratory's managing and operating contractor since 2006.

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