Intelligence team given national honor

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Department of Energy lauds Los Alamos National Laboratory staff

LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico, February 28, 2011—We can’t tell you quite what they did, or exactly when they did it. But some people at Los Alamos National Laboratory have earned the appreciation of the Department of Energy's Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence.A team known as the LANL Field Intelligence Element is being honored with the Department of Energy Exceptional Service Award, cited for its "vital role in providing critical information to the Nation's most senior national security policymakers and makes possible informed judgments on matters of necessary secrecy and urgent consequence." The award was presented to the Laboratory Wednesday by Bruce Held, the director of the Department of Energy's Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence."The unique science and technology expertise of our staff allows us to answer difficult questions for the intelligence community," said Michael Anastasio,

Los Alamos National Laboratory director. "Our scientists use special Laboratory facilities, information, and computing capabilities to address complex national security questions when called upon.Asked if more information would be forthcoming on the team's efforts, Principal Associate Laboratory Director for Global Security William S. Rees, Jr., to whom the members of the Field Intelligence Element report, succinctly stated: "No, but thanks for asking." Rees did note, however, that the Laboratory has a long history of significant contributions to national security, including working with the members of the intelligence community, and offered his appreciation for “the Laboratory’s dedicated employees that directly impact the country’s national security needs on a daily basis."CitationDepartment of Energy Exceptional Service AwardThis Department of Energy Director of Intelligence award is hereby presented to the Los Alamos National Laboratory Field Intelligence Element (FIE) in recognition of and with gratitude for the exceptional contributions to the Intelligence Community mission in support of the national security requirements of the United States.The Los Alamos National Laboratory Field Intelligence Element unique science and technology expertise play a vital role in providing critical information to the Nation’s most senior national security policymakers and makes possible informed judgments on matters of necessary secrecy and urgent consequence. The extraordinary professionalism and unparalleled dedication of the LANL FIE reflects great credit upon itself, the Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence, and the Department of Energy.Edward Bruce HeldDirectorOffice of Intelligence and Counterintelligence