Small businesses serving LANL receive DOE awards

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LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO, June 11, 2012—Three businesses that provide services to Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) received Department of Energy small business awards for fiscal year 2011 and will be recognized by DOE at a ceremony June 27 in Washington, D.C.

- Eberline Services of Santa Fe received DOE's Small Business of the Year award. Eberline conducted environmental drilling services at LANL. The work in 2011 was completed without recordable injuries or lost work time because of accidents. The company also provided gamma-ray spectroscopy analyses as part of LANL's recently completed remediation of Material Disposal Area B (Technical Area 21) east of downtown Los Alamos.
- HukariAscendent Inc. of Wheat Ridge, Colo., received the DOE Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year award. HukariAscendent provided

technical services for nuclear high-hazard support and engineering services on several projects at LANL.

- ARSEC Environmental LLC, a Port Allen, La., company with offices in White Rock, received the DOE 8(a) Small Disadvantaged Business of the Year award. A Native American-owned business, ARSEC was the general contractor for the decommissioning and demolition of LANL's former Administration Building, and also provided decontamination and demolition support for work at Material Disposal Area B. The company completed its work at LANL ahead of schedule, under budget and with no reportable safety incidents.

"Small businesses accounted for almost half of our purchasing in 2011," said Mark Barth, LANL's associate director for business services. "That's more than $450 million. Small businesses play a tremendous role for us as vendors and as partners on projects. I congratulate these three winners in particular and wish them continued growth."LANL's Small Business Program Office nominated the businesses.