Los Alamos National Laboratory Impacts and Investments in Rio Arriba County

Rio Arriba County is home to 1,451 LANL employees. As of February 2013, $95,944,442 in annual base salaries was being paid to LANL employees (excluding contractors and craft employees) in Rio Arriba County.

In FY12, LANL purchased $35,158,738 in products and services from Rio Arriba County businesses.

Rio Arriba is one of seven northern New Mexico counties identified in the Lab’s maintenance and operations contract with NNSA that is targeted for education, economic development, and charitable giving programs through the LANS, LLC Community Commitment Plan.

Education

The Laboratory’s goal in education is to enhance regional Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education and enrichment initiatives through Workforce Development, Student Internships, Teacher and Faculty Professional Development, and Public Understanding of Science.

Employee involvement: In FY12, LANL employees gave 1,048 volunteer hours to various STEM initiatives in Rio Arriba County. Students and teachers from the following Rio Arriba County schools participated in one or more of LANL’s regional education programs:

- Chama Valley Independent School District
- Espanola Public School District
- Mesa Vista Consolidated School District

Los Alamos Employees’ Scholarship Fund: Rio Arriba County

Five students from Rio Arriba County were awarded a total of $20,000 in academic scholarships in 2012. The 2012 Los Alamos Employees’ Scholarship Fund “Gold” recipient is Mirella Galvan-De La Cruz from McCurdy Charter School.

Previous scholarship funds provided to Rio Arriba County students:

- $49,000 in 2007
- $44,000 in 2008
- $53,000 in 2009
- $63,000 in 2010
- $59,000 in 2011
Bradbury Science Museum: Science education activities conducted by our Museum reached 1,344 Rio Arriba County students in 2012 at these schools:

- Abiquiu Elementary
- Alcalde Elementary
- Chimayo Elementary
- Eutemio Salazar Elementary
- Los Ninos Kindergarten Center
- McCurdy Charter School
- James H. Rodriguez Elementary
- Velarde Elementary

School Supply Drive/Back Pack Challenge: In 2012, Lab employees filled 263 back packs with school supplies for Rio Arriba County students to help prepare them for the school year. LANL partnered with the following organizations to help students in Rio Arriba County:

- Carifinos Charter School
- Chama Valley Independent School District
- Espanola Public School District
- Family Learning Center
- Jemez Mountain Public Schools
- Mesa Vista Consolidated School District

Student Support: LANL Laces is a year-round Laboratory employee-giving program designed to purchase shoes for students who need them. In 2012, the annual shoe drive raised $2,600, which will provide 104 pairs of shoes for Rio Arriba County students in these locations:

- Chama Valley Independent School District
- Espanola Public School District
- Jemez Mountain Public Schools
- Ohkay Owingeh Community School

Accelerate Technical Job Training Program: A regional technical training and job placement workforce development program to prepare people of all ages and educational backgrounds for enhanced employment opportunities. Participating colleges include: Luna Community College, New Mexico Highlands University, Northern New Mexico College, Santa Fe Community College, University of New Mexico-Los Alamos, and University of New Mexico-Taos. The first students involved in this program will be graduating in May 2013.

Northern New Mexico Inquiry Science Initiative: A regional program to improve K-6 student academic achievement in science, math, and literacy, and to meet or exceed state requirements. The investment in this program has benefited seven northern New Mexico school districts (including Espanola, Chama, and Mesa Vista), 28 schools, and more than 8,500 students.

Northern New Mexico College: LANS invests $75K annually to support the College’s Chemistry Department.

Economic Development

The Laboratory has been involved with the Espanola Valley business community as a member of the Espanola Valley Chamber of Commerce since 1997 and the Greater Espanola Valley Community Development Corporation since 2004. The Lab and LANS, LLC were recognized at the Espanola Chamber of Commerce’s annual State of the Chamber Banquet as the organization’s “Supporter of the Year” for 2012.
Los Alamos Connect is the principal economic development investment of Los Alamos National Security, LLC and Los Alamos National Laboratory, and we partner with the Regional Development Corporation to implement this program. It is comprised of coaching, networking, research, technical assistance, and investment programs designed to help businesses reach the next level of success and create an entrepreneurial culture in Northern New Mexico.

Since 2006, these Rio Arriba County businesses have received assistance from one or more of our Los Alamos Connect economic development programs:

- Aaron's Performance Diesels
- Agricultural Products Co-op / Savor del Valle
- Angelic
- Antonio's All Around Handyman Services
- Archuleta, Roberto
- ARM Office
- As Is Indoor Flea Market
- Asher Fire Hose Co.
- Black Mesa Massage Studio & Spa
- Bob Davis Enterprises
- Body Basics
- Boost Mobile
- Brian's Small Engine Repair
- Business Directory
- By-Water-Recreation
- Cash & Carry Outlet
- Celestino's Paint & Body
- Chavez, Ross
- Chimayo Tours
- Christos y Lunas y Sol
- CompuNet Computers
- Connie's Garden Vineyard
- David Jaramillo
- Donald Martinez
- Enchanting Bargains Thrift Store
- Epiphany
- Espanola Community Market
- Espanola Little Theatre
- Espanola Motorcycle Repair
- Evelyn's Kitchen
- Firebird Web Design
- Fisher-Chick
- Frank's Valley Treasures
- Fresh Styles by Natalie Rafael
- Galeria Ortega
- Galeria Santa Cruz y el Expresso
- Good to Go Taxi
- Heather's Herbalicious Nutrition & Zumba Fitness
- Herbal Delights
- Home Run Against Drugs
- ISM (Ill Sick Murals)
- Jazzersize Espanola
- Joe B's Restaurant
- Joseph & Laurie's Vineyard
- Joseph Merhege Farm
- Josie's Bookkeeping Service
- Just Smile Photography
- Kandies Captured Moments
- Khrista's Heavenly Floral Arrangements
- La Mesilla Verde
- Leslie Leyba Bookkeeping Services
- McFarland Instrumentation Services
- Mainstreet Showdown de Espanola
- Michelangelo Painting
- Missy's Art Supplies
- Monica Esquibel-Rael Vineyard
- Neri's Day Care
- New Mexico Apple & Fruit Growers
- New Mexico History Documentary
- Northern New Mexico Micro Grape Growers Cooperative
- Old School Vineyard & Winery
- On the Spot Mobile Detailing Service
- On Top Of It Maintenance Service
- Orange Tackle Corp.
- Ortega's Weaving Shop
- Otra Vuelta Tire Recycling
- Party Creations & Supplies
- Performance Maintenance Incorporated
- RAS Marketing
- Ray Griego Enterprises
- Reynolds Run III
- Rick Romero Produce
• Rigoberto's Mexican Food
• Rio Arriba County Adult Literacy Program
• Rio Vista Counseling Services
• Rocky Mountain Technology
• Ross Varela Vineyards
• Santa Cruz Farm
• Second Time Around - Thrift Store, Services
• Serenity Salon
• Sky Mountain Resort RV Park
• SOL
• Sportartist.com

• Steve Martinez Landscaping
• The Truchas Learning Center
• The Vapor Store - Electronic Cigarettes, Starter Kits, E. Liquids & Accessories
• Thunderbird Liquors
• Tool and Device Design
• TruNet Technology, Inc.
• Valley Superette, Inc.
• VESTA (Viticulture & Enology Science & Technology Alliance
• Wild Sound

**New Mexico Small Business Assistance Program:** This resource enables LANL to provide assistance at no cost to small businesses facing technology challenges. Since 2007, these Rio Arriba County businesses have participated in the program:

• Asher Fire Hose Company
• Black Mesa Winery
• EBR Development, LLC
• Galeria Ortega, Inc.
• McFarland Instrumentation Services
• Joseph Merhege Farm
• Michael's Mini Mart and Package Liquors
• Ortega's Weaving Shop, Inc.
• Otra Vuelta Tire Recycling
• Performance Maintenance, Inc.
• Rincon Blanco Veterinary Hospital
• Santa Cruz Farm
• Secure Logistics, LLC
• Sky Mountain Resort RV Park, LLC

**Community Giving**

Los Alamos National Laboratory is committed to giving back to its northern New Mexico neighbors. Our Community Programs Office manages a variety of giving programs to provide opportunities for LANL employees and retirees to make gifts of time, talent, and money to improve the quality of life of our neighbors.

**LANL Annual Employee Giving Campaign:** Funds Administered by the United Way of Northern New Mexico serving Rio Arriba and Los Alamos counties:

- $1,219,731 in 2007
- $1,476,372 in 2008
- $2,010,790 in 2009
- $2,064,212 in 2010
- $2,216,496 in 2011
- $2,577,633 in 2012
- $164,592 in 2013

**LANL Vecinos Volunteer Program Recognition Event:** In 2012, LANS donated nearly $15,601 to 23 nonprofit organizations in Rio Arriba County on behalf of LANL employee and retirees in recognition of their calendar year 2010 volunteerism. Those nonprofit organizations included the Espanola Valley Humane Society, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Las Cumbres Community Services, and many others.
Los Alamos National Laboratory Drives in 2012:
Holiday gift drive – LANL employees donated 586 holiday gifts to Rio Arriba County children and adults in partnership with:

- Boys & Girls Clubs of Chimayo and Abiquiu
- Carinos Charter School
- City of Espanola
- Espanola Valley High School
- Espanola Valley Toy Run, Inc.
- Espanola Adult Protective Services
- La Tierra Montessori
- Rio Arriba office of NM Mexico Children, Youth & Families Dept.
- Wings of Hope