



Two New Mexico small businesses win national Department of Energy awards

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Holmans USA and RG Construction Services recognized for excellence in their service to Los Alamos

LOS ALAMOS, N.M., April 18, 2019—Two New Mexico companies that work with Los Alamos National Laboratory received small business awards from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) at the 18th annual DOE Small Business Forum and Expo in Pittsburgh on April 16.

Albuquerque-based Holmans USA won the award for 8(a)/Small Disadvantaged Business of the Year, while RG Construction Services, based in Rio Rancho, was honored as Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year.

“The success of these two companies in winning national awards from the DOE’s Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization recognizes their excellence in delivering outstanding service to help Los Alamos National Laboratory fulfill its national security mission,” said Chris Fresquez, director of the Laboratory’s Small Business Program.

Holmans USA provides information technology product solutions, specializing in sales and service of Hewlett Packard and Apple products. As part of their commitment to customer service, Holmans offers an enhanced ecommerce system tailored to the requirements of each client. The company also gives back to regional communities through a foundation that provides technology assistance for children with autism.

Founded in 2004 by U.S. Army veteran John McKinstry, RG Construction Services provides subcontract construction services and was previously an award-winning participant in the Laboratory’s Mentor-Protégé Program that assists small businesses in growing their capabilities and ability to compete for work. In fiscal year 2018, the company worked on five projects at Los Alamos, including contributing to the construction of the Transuranic Waste Facility, which was completed under budget and ahead of schedule.

Charlie Smith, director of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, presented the awards to Jennifer Barajas, project development manager at RG Construction Services, and to John Santoru, president of Holmans USA. A full list of award winners from the Small Business Forum and Expo is [available here](#).

The national awards are open to qualified small businesses that work with any of the DOE Facility Management Contractor sites located across the country.

“The development and growth of small businesses in New Mexico are essential to the state’s overall economy and to the success of Los Alamos National Laboratory,” Fresquez said. “The Lab is committed to providing support and opportunities to companies like Holmans and RG Construction Services to help them succeed.”

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