$3 million approved for 2015 LANS Community Commitment Plan

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The Los Alamos National Security (LANS), LLC Board of Governors has approved $3 million in funding to support education, economic development and community giving in northern New Mexico for calendar year 2015.

Funds approved by the LANS Board of Governors are administered through a Community Commitment Plan that is managed by Los Alamos National Laboratory's Community Programs Office.

In weighing whether to renew the $3 million plan at the same level as for 2014, the Board of Governors acknowledged that it had received many letters of support from business leaders and elected officials in the region, and that the positive support had been a strong influencing factor in sustaining the LANS regional investment.

The *2015 LANS Community Commitment Plan* will provide

- $1 million for education, including science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education programs
- $1 million for economic development, such as financial and technical assistance to start and grow regional businesses
- $1 million for community giving initiatives and investments in northern New Mexico

“This plan demonstrates our bond with the community and its people and businesses that support our national security mission,” said Laboratory Director Charlie McMillan. “It sustains the mutually beneficial programs that make Los Alamos one of the best places to live and work.”

Community Programs Director Kurt Steinhaus noted that the *2015 LANS Community Commitment Plan* builds on significant accomplishments. “The plan has provided over $28 million to northern New Mexico since 2006,” he explained, “which translates to an estimated $550 million in direct and indirect economic activity and 8,724 jobs created or retained.”

LANS’ $10.7 million investment in educational programs alone has inspired and supported over 6,000 students and directly impacted over 1,500 graduates at Northern New Mexico College, New Mexico Highlands University, the Santa Fe Community College and the University of New Mexico-Los Alamos.

“The LANS match for the Los Alamos Employees’ Scholarship Fund," Steinhaus said, "has helped provide over 1,000 northern New Mexico students with $4.5 million in scholarships since 2007.”

To learn more about the commitment plans, take a look at the LANS Community Commitment Plan 2014 video on YouTube.

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