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Laboratory scientist Tess Light explores lightning's role in the atmosphere and some of the mysteries of this beautiful and puzzling phenomenon in the latest [Frontiers in Science talks](#) in September. There are three opportunities to hear the lecture at three new venues for the series: in Santa Fe (at the Jean Cocteau on Sept. 11), Los Alamos (at Cottonwood on the Greens on Sept. 18), and Albuquerque (at Dialogue Brewing on Oct. 2).

Lab Director Thom Mason addresses Major Subcontractors Consortium

Thom Mason, director of the Laboratory, addressed a lunch meeting of the [LANL Major Subcontractors Consortium](#) (MSC) August 21 in Los Alamos. Mason gave an overview of the current funding and hiring situation at the Laboratory, and discussed plans for infrastructure improvements at the Lab. The Consortium serves as a resource for Northern New Mexico enterprises that do business with the Lab, and develops a joint strategy to invest in the regional community to create jobs and strengthen the economy through a grant pool.

New Mexico Governor's STEM Challenge Confirms 600+ Participants

Sixty-five New Mexico high schools have created student teams to imagine, design, and develop a technological solution for the 2019-20 New Mexico Governor's STEM Challenge. These 600+ students capture a geographic diversity that reaches all corners of NM. Over 30 school districts are represented. The STEM Challenge structure is simple: over the course of the semester, these ten-person student teams will create a prototype/model that solves a real-world problem in response to the Challenge theme, *Keeping the World Safer Using Technology*. The top teams will receive \$5000 and present at the Statewide Showcase held December 7, 2019 at Los Lunas High School. "Los Alamos National Laboratory is excited to support the STEM Challenge. The competition is a win-win that both encourages New Mexican students in STEM

fields, and will help meet future workforce needs of the Laboratory and the state,” said LANL Director Thom Mason.

Los Alamos County seeking input on local housing needs

A major goal of the Los Alamos County’s Economic Vitality Strategic Plan is to increase the amount and types of housing options in Los Alamos, and to help with that goal, the County is asking community residents and people who work in Los Alamos to participate in an online survey designed to assess local housing needs and preferences. Responses are confidential and will help the County plan for new housing over the next ten years. The [online survey is available here](#).

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