

Job-seekers get immediate offers at hiring event

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Job-seekers received immediate job offers after taking part in interviews at a Los Alamos National Laboratory hiring event Aug. 28 aimed at recruiting technicians from across New Mexico for high-demand positions in the Laboratory's weapons program.

"These skilled technicians are crucial to our national security mission," said Dave Eyler, associate director for weapons production at the Laboratory. "Streamlining the hiring process makes sense for the Laboratory and for the people applying, and this event allowed many people to easily learn about jobs that match their skill set and their career goals."

The successful candidates were part of a group of nearly 60 pre-screened candidates – more than 90 percent from New Mexico – who attended presentations and took part in interviews at the Hilton Buffalo Thunder hotel in Santa Fe, before going on a bus tour of Laboratory facilities. Current Laboratory technicians from the weapons production directorate gave attendees their perspective on working at the Laboratory. U.S. Rep. Ben Ray Luján also paid a visit to the event, speaking to the job-seekers.

"It's important to give applicants an insight into life at the Laboratory and what the jobs involve, while also being able to shorten the hiring process," said CJ Bacino, leader of the Laboratory's office of diversity and strategic staffing. "Many of these opportunities are well-paid positions that don't require a four-year degree."

The Laboratory extended job offers, subject to background checks, to around 40 percent of the attendees for machinist, welding technician and research technician positions. Laboratory recruiters are working with other promising attendees to find them appropriate positions and expect to make further offers.

The Laboratory collaborated with colleges and other workforce organizations across the region to identify potential applicants, and the event was one of a number recruiters are planning as the Laboratory looks to hire more than 1,000 people this year.

Information on current open positions can be found at the Laboratory's careers website.

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