



## In other news

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### **Northern New Mexico Tribal Business Scholarship deadline extended**

Native students hoping to pursue business-related degrees should consider applying for a Northern New Mexico Tribal Business Scholarship. The scholarships, which are \$1,000 each, are awarded with the intention that students will use their education to participate in their tribe's long-range goals for enhancing economic development and business.

Scholarships are administered by the LANL Foundation, and recipients are selected by a Laboratory/tribal selection committee. [Read more about the application criteria here](#); the deadline to apply is now August 5, 2016. Recipients will be notified of their award status by August 18.

### **Governor thanks Lab for securing radioactive drum**

New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez and Environment Secretary Ryan Flynn visited Los Alamos on June 2 to thank Laboratory Director Charlie McMillan and more than 40 employees who safely secured a drum of radioactive Americium from a site in Santa Fe.

"I'm delighted to recognize the teamwork between the New Mexico Environment Department and the Los Alamos National Laboratory, as well as many other partners we have," Martinez says.

McMillan called out the professionalism of the Lab's team of experts who helped secure the material. "Although the drum was not ours, we were pleased to provide the Laboratory's unique and essential nuclear expertise as a public service that enhances the safety of the state and region," he says. "And I want to acknowledge that this effort could not have been accomplished without the willingness and dedication of a large team of employees. The people who work at this Laboratory are the Laboratory's greatest asset."

Governor Susana Martinez, Director Charlie McMillan, and NNSA Field Officer Kim Davis Lebak (front row center from left) pose with Los Alamos staff who assisted the state in safely securing an Americium drum from a site in Santa Fe.

## Largest woman-owned business in New Mexico creates 81 new jobs

IT company [Wildflower International](#), the largest woman-owned business in New Mexico, will create 81 new jobs in Santa Fe. These new jobs will include IT, engineering, management, and customer service positions, ranging in salary from \$18 an hour to \$150,000 annually.

Wildflower will receive \$75,000 in Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) funding to renovate a building to accommodate its growing workforce. LEDA helps businesses expand and attracts new companies into the state.

“We are thrilled to have the opportunity to expand in our home state and continue to offer good jobs,” said Kimberly de Castro, founder of Wildflower International. “The support we’ve received from the state has been unbeatable, and we look forward to growing Wildflower in the state we started in and love.”

Founded in 1991, Wildflower International (pictured) currently employs 90 workers and provides IT products and services to the federal government and its contractors. Wildflower has been the recipient of the New Mexico Top 25 Women-Owned Businesses Award for the past eight years.

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