



# LANL awards Recovery Act contract worth up to \$100 million

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## ***Small business preselected for waste disposal work***

LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico, March 10, 2009—Los Alamos National Laboratory has selected a small business to perform up to \$100 million in waste transportation and disposal work under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, the Lab announced today.

TerranearPMC, LLC, a Texas company with a Los Alamos office and a long history of supporting LANL environmental work, will haul demolition debris and soils from LANL's Recovery Act cleanup projects for disposal in licensed facilities.

"Safe transportation and disposal is the key final step for most of this material," said Gordon Dover, deputy director of LANL's Recovery Act cleanup. "It fulfills our responsibility to get the waste off 'the Hill.'"

Project officials estimate the Lab's Recovery Act cleanup will generate about 50,000 cubic yards of rubble from demolished buildings and soil excavated from LANL's World War II-era landfill.

That's enough to fill a football field to a depth of about 25 feet.

"This contract award is a positive step toward meeting our site cleanup commitments with the state of New Mexico," said George Rael, Environmental Projects manager for the Los Alamos Site Office of the National Nuclear Security Administration.

Recovery Act funds used for LANL cleanup are provided through the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management.

TPMC will transport the material in certified metal bins with waterproof covers. Uncontaminated rubble will go to an industrial landfill, while material testing positive for radioactive residues will go to a licensed facility in Utah.

Those shipments will be marked and the drivers will have special training, per U.S. Department of Transportation regulations.

Today's contract is the second of two major "master task-order agreements" LANL has awarded for Recovery Act work. Last year, LANL selected four small businesses to perform up to \$100 million in equipment removal and demolition at 21 Cold War-era buildings in the Lab's Technical Area 21.

The projects have created or saved more than 200 full-time jobs so far, and 494 part-time, contract, or other opportunities.

Under the Recovery Act, work must be complete by September 30, 2011.

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