



In other news

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Lab Executive Director Dave Lyons addresses Major Subcontractors Consortium

The LANL Major Subcontractors Consortium (MSC) met on July 12 to hear presentations from six small businesses that have recently completed the MSC's xEnergizeNNM education and mentoring program and to hear from Dave Lyons, Laboratory Executive Director. "Our subcontractors are incredibly important to the Laboratory, its mission and the work that we do," he said.

He praised the support the MSC gives to economic development, education, and corporate citizenship programs, and said he was impressed with the presentations from the xEnergizeNNM small businesses.

The Consortium serves as a community development collaboration platform for the LANL major subcontractors, working to create and implement a joint strategy to increase the economic impact of the community development contributions of subcontractors.

The Laboratory's National Security Sciences Building.

NNSA releases draft Request for Proposals for management of Laboratory

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) released a [draft request for proposals](#) (RFP) on July 13 for the next management and operations (M&O) contract for Los Alamos National Laboratory.

This draft RFP is a key step in the process the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will follow to choose a new contractor to manage and operate the Laboratory when the current contract with Los Alamos National Security (LANS) expires on September 30, 2018.

Dream Big film.

“Dream Big” and magnet demonstrations are highlights of ScienceFest

Two free screenings of the movie *Dream Big: Engineering Our World* at the recent ScienceFest event in Los Alamos were both full to capacity. A large number of children got an inspirational look at some impressive engineering projects built by amazing people.

Elsewhere at ScienceFest, scientists from the Laboratory’s National High Magnetic Field Laboratory demonstrated some fascinating magnetism concepts in a fun and approachable way. “I was most struck by the instinctive curiosity of the very small children, aged three or four, who visited the stall,” said Laboratory Fellow John Singleton who helped with the demonstrations. “They were utterly absorbed fitting magnets together, working out how they worked. Curiosity is an intrinsic part of being human and we should do our best to encourage it!”

John Singleton (right) from the Laboratory’s National High Magnetic Field Laboratory interests a budding scientist in magnetism at ScienceFest.

New “Manhattan on the Mesa” exhibits open at Bradbury Science Museum

The Bradbury Science Museum has launched new exhibits and a video as part of a new experience called “Manhattan on the Mesa.” “These exhibits help visitors to the Manhattan Project National Historical Park experience the park properties at the Laboratory that are not yet open to the public,” said Museum Director Linda Deck.

The new exhibits include *Racing Toward Dawn*, a 15-minute video examining the Lab’s role in the Manhattan Project, and *Behind the Fence*, a 360-degree immersive experience of key park properties at the Lab that includes exteriors, interiors, sounds and even smells. The new experiences were created in conjunction with New Mexico Highlands University’s Program in Interactive Cultural Technology, the National Park Service and the Lab’s Manhattan Project National Historical Park steering committee.

The Museum’s opening hours are 1–5 p.m. on Sundays and Mondays, and 10 a.m.–5 p.m. from Tuesday to Saturday.

Patricia Chavez, a recently-graduated student from New Mexico Highlands University, cuts the ribbon to open Manhattan on the Mesa. Chavez was as a project manager for the exhibits.

Santa Fe Community College receives EPA grant for environmental job training

Santa Fe Community College recently became one of only 14 organizations in the country to receive funding from the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to operate environmental job training programs. The \$200,000 grant will help train 69 students and place over 50 program graduates in environmental jobs. The college plans

to focus their recruitment for the program on rural Native Americans, veterans, and other underserved communities.

To create the program, Santa Fe Community College has partnered with other New Mexico organizations including Los Alamos National Laboratory, Northern Area Local Workforce Development Board, Northern New Mexico College and Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council Office of Environmental and Technical Assistance. Nationally since 1998, more than 274 grants totaling more than \$57 million have been awarded under the EPA's Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Program.

For information on SFCC's job training programs, contact Janet Kerley, project director at 505-800-8765 or email janet.kerley@sfcc.edu.

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