**Strengthening Global Security**

The central mission of the Laboratory is to ensure the safety, security, and reliability of the U.S. nuclear deterrent while reducing the global threat of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons. The Laboratory's expertise and technology helps our nation respond to significant global threats, making the world a safer place.

**Science Serving Society**

The Laboratory conducts leading-edge research in many areas of science and technology to help solve national problems related to energy, the environment, infrastructure, and health.

**The Atomic Age Begins**

After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in World War II, the U.S. began a secret project, called the Manhattan Project, to build a new atomic weapon. The mission to build the atomic bomb brought scientists from around the world to Los Alamos. Their work would affect not only the small mesa-top town but would change the course of history.
about the Laboratory

Los Alamos National Laboratory is a scientific research laboratory focusing on national security. The Laboratory was established in 1943 as part of the Manhattan Project, the nation’s top-secret program to develop the atomic bomb.

Since 1943, the Laboratory has strengthened our national security by developing and applying the best science and technology to these three primary goals:

- Ensuring the safety, security, and reliability of the U.S. nuclear deterrent;
- Reducing global threats; and
- Solving other emerging national security challenges.

fast facts

People
Total employees ........................................ 10,402
Los Alamos National Security, LLC .............. 7,624
SGO Los Alamos (Guard Force) .................. 396
Contractors/Term/Lab Associates ................. 1,066
Students ..................................................... 889
Post doctoral researchers .......................... 427

Place
Located 35 miles northwest of Santa Fe, NM, on 36 square miles of DOE-owned property.

More than 2,000 individual facilities, including 47 technical areas with 8 million square feet under roof.

Budget
FY 2012: Approx. $2.2 billion
- 57% Weapons programs
- 9% Nonproliferation programs
- 7% Safeguards and Security
- 8% Environmental Management
- 4% DOE Office of Science
- 4% Energy and other programs
- 11% Work for Others

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