SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution No. 2004 - 51

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION INSIST THAT COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BE CONSIDERED IN DEVELOPMENT OF AWARD OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR THE LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

WHEREAS, Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) has been in existence for over 60 years and, throughout that time, only one contractor, the University of California, has managed the Laboratory;

WHEREAS, the LANL management contract has been administered and funded through the United States Department of Energy (DOE) is set to expire on September 2005;

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County and the LANL have a longstanding business relationship and LANL provides significant employment, and economic development opportunities;

WHEREAS, a high number of employees of LANL live in Santa Fe County, second only to Los Alamos County;

WHEREAS, the economic impact of the LANL management contract is significant, with a budget of more than $2 billion and much of this impacts falls within is significant in Santa Fe County and the tri-county area (Los Alamos, Santa Fe, Rio Arriba) area;

WHEREAS, community economic development and partnerships are top priorities of the current LANL leadership;

WHEREAS, reflecting this sentiment, the current LANL management contract has specific provisions and appendices that relate to community economic development and partnerships;

WHEREAS, LANL has consistently exceeded DOE contract requirements for economic development of the northern New Mexico region, specifically procurement opportunities for our northern New Mexico businesses; and

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WHEREAS, although LANL has exceeded the DOE contract requirements the economic impact falls short of the needs of the Northern New Mexico region, and further work is needed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of County Commissioners request the New Mexico Congressional Delegation to formally request the U.S. Department of Energy to:

- Provide a complete assessment of the effectiveness of DOE contract provisions on regional business, economic development, and employment opportunities in Northern New Mexico;
- Provide additional, adequate, and formal opportunities for Santa Fe County to provide direct input into the RFP development process prior to and after RFP completion; and
- Increase the contractual obligations to ensure a greater economic development impact to the Northern New Mexico Region.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 11 DAY OF MAY, 2004

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Paul D. Campos, Chairman

ATTEST:

Rebecca Bustamante, Santa Fe County Clerk

Approved As To Form:

5-5-04

Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney

COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 12TH Day Of May, A.D., 2004 at 15:14
And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1327886
Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Rebecca Bustamante
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

Deputy

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