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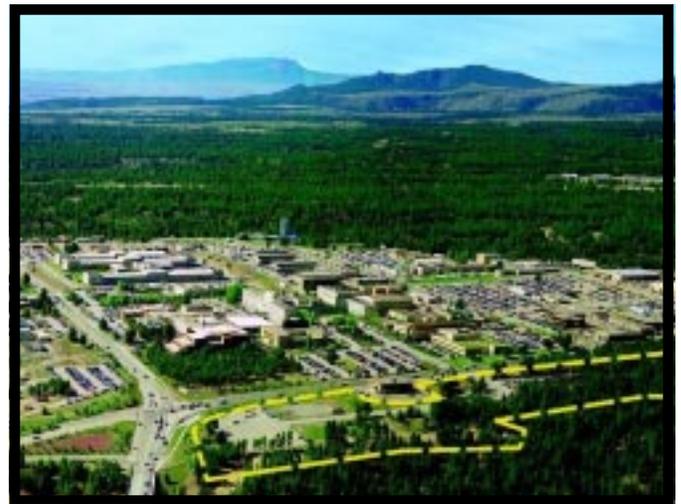
LOS ALAMOS RESEARCH PARK

Office of Worker & Community Transition

Background and Challenges

The Los Alamos Research Park (the Research Park) is a new, 44-acre development directly adjacent to the main technical area of the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). LANL is one of the largest multi-disciplinary, multi-program research institutions in the world and at its peak employed nearly 10,000 workers within the tri-county region. The Department of Energy (DOE) owned laboratory has been managed by the University of California since 1943.

Although national security remains LANL's primary mission, LANL's scientific expertise range from innovative biological research to exploring the outer reaches of the solar system. This shift in mission forced a major work force restructuring. The Regional Development Corporation (RDC), which is the designated Community Reuse Organization in northern New Mexico, aims to assist in offsetting the economic impacts caused by the downsizing. Among their many key projects is the development of the Research Park to encourage economic diversification and to create and retain jobs within the region.



An Aerial View of the Los Alamos Research Park Site

Los Alamos Research Park Plans Campus Environment

The Research Park will provide high-quality office and light laboratory space in a campus environment. Using the latest design principles and teleconnectivity, the Research Park plans to foster effective partnerships between private sector Research and Development (R&D) organizations that are interested in collaborating with LANL staff on the creation of cutting-edge technologies. The Research Park will assist the region in diversifying its economy by using the strength of LANL's work force skills and technology bases to attract and anchor businesses.



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The Research Park is owned and operated by the Los Alamos Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) which leases the site from DOE. In existence for more than fifteen years, LAEDC is a private, non-profit corporation dedicated to meeting the business and economic development needs of the northern New Mexico region.

LAEDC received a \$1 million grant from DOE that the RDC will administer towards the initial phase of the Research Park's development. "In this post-Cold War era, this grant is another step in the process of ensuring that northern New Mexico and New Mexicans continue to benefit from the resources of the Los Alamos National Laboratory," said Energy Secretary Bill Richardson.



Los Alamos County has also played an instrumental role in initiating the park project and has established an agreement with the LAEDC for sharing revenues from operation of the Research Park. Once completed, the Research Park will contain approximately 300,000 square feet of office and laboratory space and employ about 1,500 workers. Initial occupancy is anticipated in early 2000.

Community Success Stories

The Advantages of the Los Alamos Research Park

- LANL's vast human resource and technological base is a strong incentive, attracting private firms to the region interested in developing partnerships with other R&D firms and taking advantage of valuable LANL staff.
- Partnerships have already been established with Motorola University, the strategic learning organization of its parent corporation, and Silicon Graphics, Inc., a leading supplier of visual computing and high-performance systems.
- The Research Park's high quality office and laboratory space located in close proximity to LANL greatly enhances the viability of forming collaborative relationships with private sector firms to locate R&D activities at Los Alamos.

Los Alamos Research Park to Rejuvenate the Region

- The Research Park will help to strengthen LANL's scientific expertise mission base and help to stabilize existing jobs by building a strong, diversified, private-sector R&D business community.
- New R&D firms relocating at the Research Park will provide opportunities for products and services to be delivered by existing and newly developed firms within northern New Mexico.

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