

The Regents of the University of California

**NATIONAL LABORATORIES SUBCOMMITTEE**

March 14, 2018

The National Laboratories Subcommittee met on the above date at the Luskin Conference Center, Los Angeles campus.

Members present: Regents Mancina, Newsom, Ortiz Oakley, and Tauscher; Advisory Member White

In attendance: Secretary and Chief of Staff Shaw, Vice Presidents Brown and Budil, Deputy General Counsel Woodall, and Recording Secretary McCarthy

The meeting convened at 5:10 p.m. with Subcommittee Chair Tauscher presiding.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the meeting of January 24, 2018 were approved.

**2. UPDATE ON THE NATIONAL LABORATORIES**

[Background material was provided to Regents in advance of the meeting, and a copy is on file in the Office of the Secretary and Chief of Staff.]

Chair Tauscher expressed pride in the privilege of serving as chair of the Subcommittee. The Regents serve as stewards of three National Laboratories, the jewels in the crown of the nation's science, national security, and technology enterprise. This year would be one of change, particularly with respect to Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) and would present a host of challenges and opportunities for the University. Chair Tauscher was honored to serve as chair during this critical period and looked forward to working with Regent Zettel, the Committee's new Vice Chair, on the important business of this Subcommittee.

Vice President Budil provided an update on the contract competition for LANL. The current contract held by the Los Alamos National Security LLC (LANS) would end on September 30, 2018. The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) had undertaken a competition to seek a new management and operating contractor for the Laboratory.

UC submitted a bid in December and expected a decision to be made on the new contractor during May. The NNSA anticipated the transition to begin on June 1 and run for four months. Currently the process was on schedule. The NNSA recently released an amendment to the Request for Proposals (RFP) indicating that bidders would receive feedback on their proposals in the current week. UC had not yet received feedback, but it

was expected imminently. Approximately one week later oral discussions would be held with the bidding teams. The feedback received from the government would be focused on weaknesses and deficiencies of the proposal; the oral discussion would be with the key personnel team and representatives of the contractor organizations to discuss the weaknesses and deficiencies as identified by the NNSA and any other questions it poses based on the proposal submission. The oral discussion would be an opportunity for UC to clarify and amplify its position. Once oral discussions have been completed with all offerors, the NNSA would release another amendment to the RFP with instructions for a final proposal submission. UC would have another opportunity to address any issues or concerns. Based on its fast-paced timeline, the NNSA was on schedule to release a decision some time in May.

Chair Tauscher thanked Ms. Budil and her team for their hard work. Regent Mancina echoed support for the excellent work of Ms. Budil and her team.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Attest:

Secretary and Chief of Staff