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TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL LABORATORY SUBCOMMITTEE:

DISCUSSION ITEM

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UPDATE ON LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY CONTRACT COMPETITION AND LAWRENCE BERKELEY NATIONAL LABORATORY CONTRACT REFORM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The update will address the competition for the follow-on contract to manage and operate the Los Alamos National Laboratory, and the contract reform efforts at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

BACKGROUND

Los Alamos National Laboratory Contract Competition

The current management and operating (M&O) contract for Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) expires on September 30, 2018. The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) issued the final Request for Proposal (RFP) for the follow-on contract on October 25, 2017. The final RFP established a December 11, 2017 response deadline.

On November 28, NNSA issued an amendment to the final RFP. This amendment included several minor changes to the final RFP but did not change any of the essential terms or the response deadline. A proposal on behalf the University's team was timely submitted by the December 11 deadline.

If the University team's proposal is determined to be within the competitive range and fully compliant, NNSA will provide the team with a written description of the proposal's significant weaknesses and deficiencies. This written statement will be followed by orals. The amended RFP modified the orals process to include in the discussions not only the proposed Key Personnel team but also representatives from the bid team members. The "Questions and Answers" document that accompanied the amended RFP stated that NNSA anticipates holding orals during March 2018. After orals, the RFP will be amended again to provide instructions for a final proposal revision.

It is still anticipated that the four-month transition period will start on June 1, 2018 to facilitate an October 1, 2018 start date of the follow-on LANL M&O contract. Accordingly, it is still expected that contract award would be announced in April or May of 2018.

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory Contract Reform

Department of Energy (DOE) headquarters is conducting its review of the revised contract, which, as described at prior Regents meetings, is designed to reform the LBNL M&O contract to make it a more useful, efficient, and effective instrument for accountable mission execution. The DOE Headquarters review and approval process may last from six to eight weeks. In the meantime, LBNL continues to operate under the current M&O contract.

Key to Acronyms

DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
LANL	Los Alamos National Laboratory
LBNL	Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
M&O	Management and Operating
NNSA	National Nuclear Security Administration
RFP	Request for Proposal