

Office of the President

TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL LABORATORIES COMMITTEE:

DISCUSSION ITEM

For Meeting of September 16, 2026

STATE OF THE LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY

Kimberly Budil, Director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), will brief the Regents on the current state of the Laboratory.

LLNL was founded in 1952 by UC Berkeley Professor Ernest Orlando Lawrence and Edward Teller as the Livermore branch of the University of California Radiation Laboratory. LLNL started operations at the height of the Cold War to meet urgent national security needs by advancing science and technology. Over its history, the Laboratory, through its talented and dedicated workforce and world-class research capabilities, has strengthened national security with a tradition of science and technological innovations—anticipating, developing, and delivering solutions for the nation’s most challenging problems.

In service to the U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, and other federal agencies, LLNL develops and applies world-class science and technology to ensure national security and to confront issues ranging from non-proliferation and terrorism to energy shortages and climate change that threaten national security and global stability.

Director Budil is the 13th director of LLNL and President of Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS), which has managed the Laboratory since 2007. She leads a workforce of approximately 9,000 employees and manages an annual operating budget in excess of \$3.25 billion. Budil has held roles of increasing management responsibility at the Laboratory, previously serving as principal associate director for Weapons and Complex Integration. She also served as Vice President for National Laboratories at the University of California Office of the President. She is a member of the National Academy of Engineering. Director Budil holds a Ph.D. in engineering and applied science from the University of California, Davis, where she was a Hertz Fellow, and a B.S. in physics from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

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