2013 Regional Coalition
Federal Legislative Priorities
As Adopted Jan 18, 2013

Timeline:
Federal agencies have already developed their FY 2014 budget requests and submitted them to OMB. In late November, OMB amended the requests and sent them back to agencies. This is referred to as OMB “passback,” and agencies have an opportunity to repeal these decisions. By the first Monday in February, the President will submit the FY 2014 budget request to Congress. From February to September, congressional hearings are held and agency officials are invited to answer questions and justify requests.

Priorities for Consideration:
- Support a sustained, quality cleanup that protects human health, safety, and the environment, and complies with state-DOE agreements.

Clean-up Funding
- Cleanup funding remains a priority for local governments. DOE should continue to push for fully compliant annual budgets. Need consistent, reliable and sufficient funding to meet compliance agreements and regulatory obligations.
- Defense Environmental Cleanup Funding for Los Alamos Site of $255 million
- DOE should continue to engage local government officials on all aspects of DOE cleanup. Transparent communication between local governments, states, tribes and DOE is essential for achieving successful cleanup.

LANL
- Reverse downward trend in funding for LANL and help get the Administration to request sufficient funding for LANL’s diverse missions and facilities modernization recognizing the priority to protect human health, safety and the environment.

Other
- Consistent funding for the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities to better enable local governments and tribes to support the DOE mission.