2016 Federal Legislative Priorities

Environmental Cleanup

- **Consent Order Approval & Engagement on Milestones**: DOE must approve of the Consent Order agreement between NMED and DOE, for the protection for human health, safety, and the environment. Upon agreement to terms and execution of cleanup campaigns, NMED and DOE must regularly engage the Coalition on the designation of risk-based priorities for future planning of milestones, and update the Coalition on milestones achieved and/or missed.

- **Lifecycle Baseline Cost Development**: DOE Environmental Management must develop, approve and distribute a Lifecycle Baseline Cost estimate for LANL, stating the full scope of work and cost estimate of all remaining cleanup projects.

- **Sufficient Funding**: The Environmental Management site office at LANL needs consistent, reliable and sufficient funding to meet Consent Order obligations, based on Lifecycle Baseline Cost estimates. DOE should request Congress to appropriate its budget for FY17 and FY18 cleanup activities at LANL according to the documented minimum amount needed to meet Consent Order requirements.

- **Engagement**: DOE and NMED must continue to engage local and pueblo government officials on all aspects of DOE cleanup opportunities. Transparent communication between local governments, states, tribes and DOE is essential for achieving a successful cleanup mission.

Site Sustainability & Community Commitment

- **Sufficient Funding & Mission Diversity**: Sufficiently fund LANL to maintain strong scientific capabilities and support the diversification of missions.

- **Workforce Planning**: DOE must develop a recruiting and retention initiative to address the departure of 30-40% of LANL workers, filling over 3,000 positions, inviting new talent to job opportunities at LANL over next five years. The Coalition will support this initiative to attract and retain these individuals, as this will be the largest LANL workforce shift in the Lab’s history within the five-year timeframe.

- **Community Commitment at LANL**: As the DOE, NNSA and LANL embark upon an Acquisition Strategy for a new Management and Operations prime contractor(s) at LANL, the Coalition requests involvement in the decision-making process. A for-profit institution must be given priority for managing LANL, with a contract that includes continued community commitment investments and 5% preference to local contractors who do business with the Lab.

- **Small Business Contracting**: DOE should support and consider small businesses in procurement efforts through “strategic sourcing”. DOE should have a clear objective to support local companies and contractors qualified to provide commercial goods and services to DOE, NNSA, EM and other federal entities. The Regional Coalition supports an open, fair and balanced approach to site acquisition strategy for contractors who bid on cleanup and other acquisition opportunities at LANL.

- **Community Engagement Support**: DOE should continue to consistently fund the Regional Coalition to enable local governments and tribes to participate in environmental cleanup decision-making, support economic development and diversification projects and promote local workforce education and training initiatives.