



REGIONAL COALITION of LANL COMMUNITIES

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Dr. Thomas Mason, PhD, LANL Director

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Dr. Mason,

The Regional Coalition of LANL Communities (RCLC) wants to thank you for your leadership and efforts to broaden communications with our communities and the region as a whole. As you are aware, the RCLC is made up of elected leadership from nine area northern New Mexico communities directly impacted by Los Alamos National Laboratory including three municipalities, four counties and two tribes.

Our mission at the RCLC is to speak with one voice to ensure national and state decisions incorporate local needs and concerns. The organization's focus is community and economic development, site employment, environmental remediation, and adequate funding for LANL remediation.

Last year LANL leadership commissioned an economic impact study from the state's premiere economic researcher, UNM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER). In discussions regarding this study, researchers from BBER remarked on how detailed and granular the data provided to them from the lab was, thus enabling them to develop a very accurate and complete study.

The RCLC board is interested in using its own resources to evaluate, and possibly re-create a similar study to demonstrate to our member communities the impact of revenue generation, workforce concentration and other components from the lab on our local economies. We are reaching out to LANL at this time to request that the same raw data that was shared with the BBER team would be shared with the research firm that the RCLC employs, or authorize BBER to share it with the RCLC; ensuring that all confidentiality protocols are followed.

In the spirit of regionalization and cooperation, we feel that it is important that our member communities have a clear picture of their relationship to your institution and we believe that an economic impact study with high quality data is the best way to paint such a picture.

We are eager to work with you on this and welcome your cooperation in this very important endeavor on behalf of our communities.

Thank you,

RCLC Board Members

Henry Roybal, RCLC Board Chairman
Commissioner, Santa Fe County

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