

**RESTATED AND AMENDED JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE
REGIONAL COALITION OF LANL COMMUNITIES BY AND AMONG THE
INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS, THE CITY OF SANTA FE, SANTA FE
COUNTY, CITY OF ESPANOLA, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, THE TOWN OF TAOS, TAOS
COUNTY AND THE SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENTS OF THE PUEBLO OF OHKAY
OWINGEH AND THE PUEBLO OF JEMEZ**

THIS RESTATED AND AMENDED JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is entered into by and among the Incorporated County of Los Alamos, New Mexico, the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, Santa Fe County, New Mexico, the City of Espanola, New Mexico, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, the Town of Taos, New Mexico, [and] Taos County, New Mexico, Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo and the Pueblo of Jemez (each a "Party" or "Member" and, together, the "Parties" or "Coalition Members").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Parties are political subdivisions of the State of New Mexico (the "State") or sovereign federally recognized Indian Tribal Governments, and

WHEREAS, Los Alamos National Laboratory ("LANL") is one of the largest employers in northern New Mexico and a critical economic driver in the region; and

WHEREAS, the local economy and environment of each of the Parties is affected by LANL's activities and programming; and

WHEREAS, the Parties share a common interest in assuring that LANL's missions remain sustainable and diversified, while assuring protection of the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Parties share the goals of engaging LANL, the U.S. Department of Energy, the State of New Mexico, and other government agencies with respect to local concerns about LANL's activities, and of increasing the Parties' ability to participate in and influence federal and state government decision-making affecting LANL; and

WHEREAS, as described in Section 2 of this Agreement, the Parties have common powers with respect to promoting economic development, cultural and educational activities, and environmental protection for the benefit of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Parties are authorized by the Joint Powers Agreements Act, Sections 11-1-1 through 11-1-7 NMSA 1978 (the "Act"), to create a joint powers authority for the purpose of exercising powers common to the Parties specified in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to create a joint powers agency pursuant to the Act to carry out the purposes described in this Agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions set out below.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Creation of Regional Coalition of LANL Communities. The Parties hereby create the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities (“Regional Coalition” or “Coalition”), which is a political subdivision separate from the Parties, which shall act on behalf of the Parties with respect to the subject matters of this Agreement. The Coalition is a political subdivision of the state of New Mexico.

2. Authority of the Regional Coalition. The Regional Coalition shall have the authority to exercise the following powers common to the Parties in accordance with New Mexico state law with respect to LANL and LANL-related activities and issues:

A. Promotion of economic development, including:

(i) promotion of new missions for LANL that the citizens of the Coalition Members support;

(ii) advocacy of long-term stable funding of LANL missions;

(iii) promotion of new and diverse scientific endeavors at LANL, focusing on employment and educational opportunities within the Coalition Members' jurisdiction;

(iv) support of business incubation and business development on non-federal lands;

(v) support of workforce training and development; and

(vi) promotion of awareness of LANL and its contributions toward and impact on the region.

B. Promotion and coordination of environmental protection and stewardship, including:

(i) clean-up activities and site maintenance to ensure consistency with community values and future use goals;

(ii) planning activities to address future use goals, stewardship needs and obligations, and prevention of future contamination;

(iii) evaluation of cleanup planning, implementation and oversight for protection of workers and neighboring communities.

C. Participation in regional planning, including:

(i) evaluation of policy initiatives and legislation for impacts on Coalition Members;

(ii) development of long-term relationships between local, state and federal officials and LANL officials;

(iii) coordination of regional planning with LANL strategic initiatives and other advocacy organizations and initiatives.

D. Evaluation of policy initiatives and legislation for impact on the Regional Coalition, including:

(i) Participation in public comment and outreach initiatives to influence decision-making concerning LANL activities;

(ii) Advocacy in state and federal legislative process and administrative proceedings.

E. In exercising the common powers of the Parties described in Subsections (A) through (D) of Section 2 above, the Regional Coalition shall have the additional common powers to:

(i) enter into contracts, including office leases and personal property rental agreements, but shall not acquire or own any real property, vehicles, or debt;

(ii) acquire office equipment and supplies and other personal property as necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Agreement;

(iii) contract with an executive director, legal counsel, experts, and administrative staff, as necessary; provided, however, the Coalition shall not hire employees;

(iv) develop and adopt an annual budget for operations, and bill and collect payments from Coalition Members in accordance with this Agreement and the duly adopted annual budget, subject to Section 5(C);

(v) establish bylaws and policies to govern its affairs, including policies relating to fiscal management, travel, reimbursement, and annual audits, subject to Section 5(C);

(vi) receive, deposit, expend, and invest public monies, subject to Section 5(C);

(vii) lobby state and federal officials, but only to the extent consistent with state and federal law and grant requirements;

(viii) apply for and to receive state, federal, and other grants, appropriations, and donations, subject to Section 5(C);

(ix) sell any of the Regional Coalition assets deemed by the Board to be unnecessary, excess, obsolete, or scrap in accordance with New Mexico state law, subject to Section 5(C);

(x) sue and be sued in any court of competent jurisdiction, subject to the limitations and immunities under New Mexico state law, including without limitation, the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, Section 41-4-1, et seq., NMSA 1978: and

(xi) do any and all other lawful things that are reasonably necessary and appropriate to carry out the purposes of this Agreement and exercise the express common powers of the Parties specified above; and

3. Regional Coalition Board of Directors.

The Regional Coalition shall be governed by a board of directors (the "Board") who shall be appointed as follows:

A. The governing body of each Party shall appoint a director, who shall be an elected public official of that Party, with current experience in strategic planning, economic development, environmental protection or the legislative process.

B. The governing body of each Party shall appoint replacement directors to fill vacancies in the board position appointed by that Party. Such replacement directors shall have the qualifications described in subsection A of this Section 4.

C. Each Director shall have a term of office as specified by the governing body of the Party appointing that Director. Directors may be reappointed for additional terms as determined by the Party appointing that Director.

D. The governing body of each Party shall appoint at least one and no more than two alternates (each an "Alternate Director") to serve as a director in the absence of the Director. An Alternate Director shall have the qualifications described in subsection A of this Section 4, except that the Alternate Director may be either an elected official or an employee of the Party represented by the Party appointing the Alternate Director.

4. Meetings and Duties of the Board.

A. Meetings of the Regional Coalition shall be held at least quarterly and at such additional times and in such locations as the Board determines.

B. Meetings shall be held in compliance with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978.

C. A majority of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority vote of the quorum shall be required for the adoption of resolutions, bylaws, policies and plans; to enter into contracts and leases; to make purchases over \$2,500; to adopt an annual budget; appoint officers of the Board; delegate authority; and to take any other official action on behalf of the Board.

D. The Board shall:

(i) adopt bylaws, which shall not be inconsistent with this Agreement and which shall (among other things) govern the selection, duties, removal, and replacement of Board officers, conflicts of interest, conduct of meetings, compliance with the Open Meetings Act, voting, formation and conduct of subcommittees, amendments, and reporting;

(ii) appoint officers of the Board, which shall include a chair, vice chair, treasurer, and secretary, who shall serve one-year terms;

(iii) adopt written resolutions, plans, strategies, and policies to carry out the purposes of this Agreement and govern the exercise the Parties' common powers specified in Subsections (A), (B), (C), (D), and (E) of Section 2, including a code of conduct, and travel, per diem, and expense reimbursement policies;

(iv) develop an annual budget for each fiscal year, which shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30 of the following year;

(v) comply with all federal, state, and other grant accounting, expenditure, and reporting requirements;

(vi) delegate its authority and duties under this Agreement, as necessary and appropriate, to a Member, subcommittee, executive director or other contractor, including the task of developing proposed bylaws, plans, strategies, policies, budgets, and other materials to be proposed and considered for adoption by the Board in accordance with this Agreement;

(vii) keep minutes of its meetings in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, including posting on the organization website after they are approved by the board;

(viii) assure that none of the revenues of the Regional Coalition inure to the benefit of any individual or entity, except as compensation for services rendered or payment for goods, property or legal rights, or reimbursement of expenses.

(ix) to the extent applicable to the Board's activities, comply with all laws applicable to political subdivisions of the state of New Mexico.

5. Fiscal Agent.

A. As soon as practicable after approval of this Agreement by the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration ("DFA"), the Board shall enter into an agreement ("Fiscal Agent Agreement") with a Member of the Coalition to serve as the Coalition's fiscal agent. The Fiscal Agent Agreement shall describe the duties of the fiscal agent, consistent with this Agreement.

B. The Board shall adopt by resolution policies and procedures prepared by the fiscal agent to assure the Coalition complies with all laws applicable to political subdivisions of the state of New Mexico governing the receipt, expenditure, investment, budgeting, depositing, and accounting of public money ("Fiscal Policies"). The Board may incorporate into its Fiscal Policies the policies and procedures of any Member that is also a political subdivision of the state of New Mexico.

C. The fiscal agent shall follow generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and shall maintain strict segregation of Coalition funds from other funds managed by the fiscal agent and shall strictly account for and segregate federal funds from non-federal funds.

D. The fiscal agent shall provide for strict accountability of all receipts and disbursements of Coalition funds in accordance with NMSA 1978, Section 11-1-4 of the Joint Powers Agreements Act. The fiscal agent shall authorize, review, and approve all expenditures of Coalition funds to assure such expenditures are consistent with the Coalition's annual budget, the Fiscal Policies, and applicable federal and New Mexico state law.

E. As soon as practicable after a Fiscal Agent Agreement terminates for any reason, the Board shall execute a new Fiscal Services Agreement with another Member of the Coalition. The Board shall not authorize the expenditure of any Coalition funds, and no Member shall be obligated to contribute funds to the Coalition, unless and until a Fiscal Agent Agreement is in full force and effect.

6. Effective Date; Term; Member Withdrawal; Termination.

A. The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date it is approved by the DFA, which shall not occur until all Members have duly approved and executed this Agreement.

B. The term of this Agreement shall be perpetual, subject to subsection D below.

C. Any Member may withdraw from this Agreement by providing written notice of withdrawal to the Board Chair and, thereafter, shall no longer be a party to this Agreement. Such withdrawal shall not terminate this Agreement as to the remaining Members. The withdrawing Member shall not be entitled to refund of any funds it contributed to the Coalition prior to withdrawal.

D. This Agreement may be terminated by a written agreement to terminate executed by all Parties or by vote of the Board by two-thirds or more of the Directors.

7. Disposition of Coalition Funds Upon Termination. Any surplus funds of the Regional Coalition remaining at the time this Agreement is terminated shall be returned to the Parties in proportion to their respective contributions. Any funds provided by federal agencies shall be disposed of or returned in accordance with the federal grant requirements and applicable law.

8. Amendment; Addition and Withdrawal of Members.

A. Subject to Paragraph B below, this Agreement shall not be altered, changed, or amended except by a written instrument executed by the Parties and approved by the DFA.

B. A Tribal government, New Mexico County, or New Mexico City may become a Member of the Coalition and a Party to this Agreement upon request and approval by the Board, and any Member may withdraw from this Agreement pursuant to 6(C). The parties' intent is that a Tribal government shall not waive its sovereign immunity as a result of entering into this Agreement. This Agreement shall automatically be amended to incorporate such addition or withdrawal of a Member without further approval by DFA. In the case of an additional Member, the amendment date shall be the date

of the Board action approving the addition; in the case of withdrawal, the amendment date shall be the date of the Member's notice of withdrawal.

9. Privileges and Immunities. All of the privileges and immunities from liability, exemptions from laws, ordinances and rules, all pension, relief, disability, workers' compensation and other benefits which apply to the activity of officers, agents or employees of any such public agency when performing their respective functions within the territorial limits of their respective public agencies, shall apply to them to the same extent while engaged in the performance of any of their functions and duties extraterritorially under the provisions of the Act, as provided in Section 11-1-6 NMSA 1978.

10. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Mexico; provided that, with respect to any tribal government that is a Party, it is hereby recognized that the powers and status of such Party, as a tribal government, is subject to the laws of the United States.

11. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterpart originals.


12. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

13. Replacement of Prior Joint Powers Agreement. This Agreement replaces and supersedes the prior Joint Powers Agreement executed among the Parties, approved by the Department of Finance and Administration on October 13, 2011, including all amendments thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement, which shall become effective as of the date of approval by the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration.

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INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS

By: 
Randall Ryti, Chair

Date: March 12, 2021

SANTA FE COUNTY

By: _____
Henry Roybal, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Date: _____

ATTEST:

By: _____
Katharine E. Clark
County Clerk

Date: _____

CITY OF ESPAÑOLA, NEW MEXICO

By: _____
Javier Sanchez, Mayor

Date: _____

RIO ARRIBA COUNTY

By: _____
James Martinez, Chair
Rio Arriba County Commissioners

Date: _____

TOWN OF TAOS, NEW MEXICO

By: _____
Daniel Barrone, Mayor

Date: _____

TAOS COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

By: _____
Candyce O'Donnell, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Date: _____

**SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENT OF THE
PUEBLO OF OHKAY OWINGEH**

By: _____
Joseph P. Aguino
Governor

Date: _____