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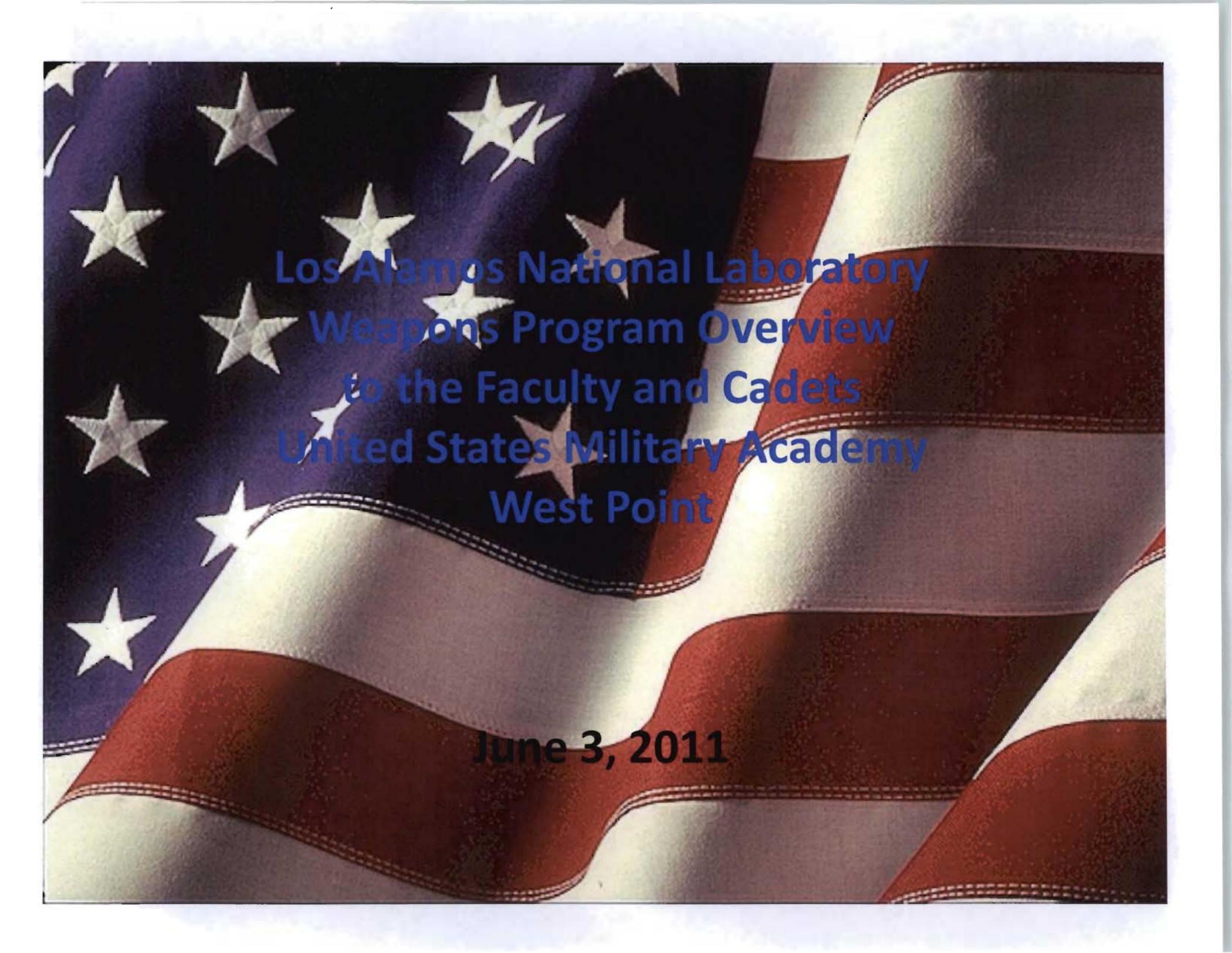
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# Today's Discussion Topics

- LANL and the Nuclear Enterprise
- Lab Organization Update
- FY11 Budget & outlook for FY12
- Warhead responsibilities
- Stockpile Stewardship
  - Experimental and computational capabilities
  - Annual assessment
- Improvised Explosive Device work



**Oppenheimer and General Groves statutes dedicated  
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# LANL is part of the nuclear security enterprise that is delivering on its national security commitments

## National Laboratories and Test Site



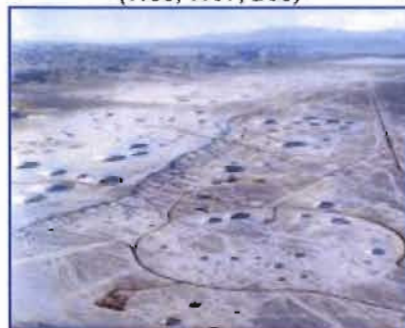
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National Laboratory**  
*Los Alamos, New Mexico*  
Nuclear design lab  
(B61, W76, W78, W88)



**Lawrence Livermore  
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*Livermore, California*  
Nuclear design lab  
(W80, W87, B83)



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**Nevada National  
Security Site**  
*Nevada*  
Experimental site and  
"subcritical" nuclear material tests



**Pantex Plant**  
*Amarillo, Texas*  
Weapons assembly/disassembly



**Y-12 National Security  
Complex**  
*Oak Ridge, Tennessee*

## Production Complex



**Kansas City Plant**  
*Kansas City, Missouri*  
Nonnuclear manufacturing/  
Procurement



**Savannah River Site**  
*Aiken, South Carolina*  
Tritium operations

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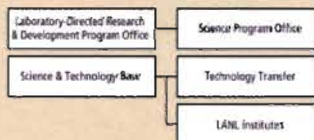
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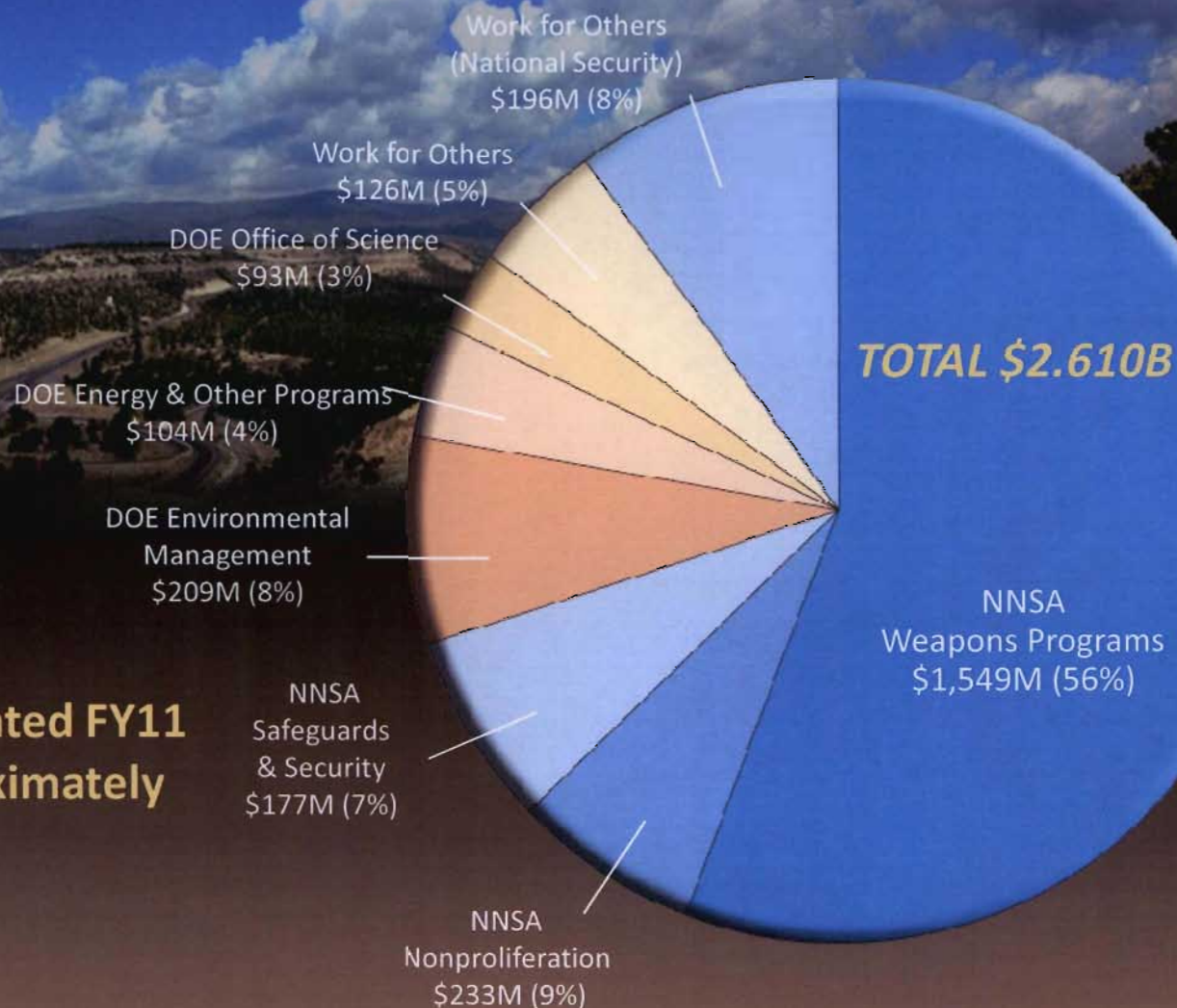
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TA-21 Closure	
TA-55 Closure	
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Functions



**The Laboratory's estimated FY11 annual budget is approximately \$2.6 billion.**



**FY 11 request begins to redress serious funding shortfalls of the past decade**

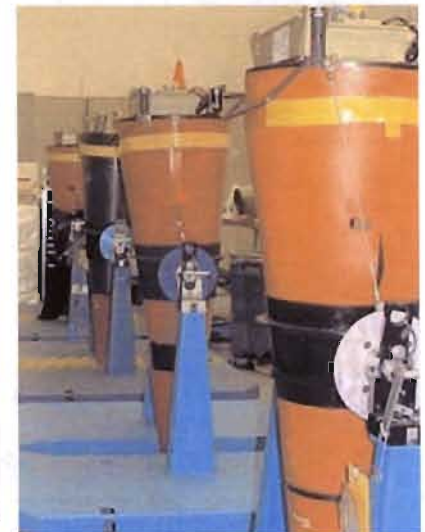
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# LANL is the design laboratory for the majority of the Nation's deterrent

- LANL is the design laboratory for:
  - W76 SLBM
  - W88 SLBM
  - B61 Gravity bomb
  - W78 ICBM
- Each Triad leg offers complimentary and reinforcing benefits



# LANL is fully committed to meeting the 2017 First Production Unit (FPU) for B61-12

- Sustaining the air breathing leg (B61 and B83) of the nuclear Triad is critical.
  - LANL has made alts and mods to the system over its many decades of service
- Significant experimental (small scale and DARHT) computational (Cielo) and engineering capabilities (WETF and Sigma) are being devoted to this effort
- Novel technologies to improve B61
- LANL will complete design cost review in Sept. setting stage for Nuclear Weapons Council action in Nov.



# LANL maintains a carefully balanced three part weapons program to sustain the Nation's deterrent

- **Stockpile management**
  - B61 Life Extension Program (LEP)
  - Support to plants on W76 LEP
  - Complete build of W88 pits begin work on W87 pits
- **Science, technology and engineering investments**
  - Use science tools to generate data to support assessment and resolve stockpile issues
- **Infrastructure investments**
  - Create modern, state-of-the-art facilities to sustain laboratory capabilities
  - Hire and train next generation



# LANL's unique science and engineering infrastructure a critical component of U.S. deterrent



Metropolis Center for Modeling & Simulation



High Explosive laboratories



Los Alamos Neutron Science Center



Plutonium Processing Facility



Chemistry and Metallurgy Building



Dual Axis Radiographic Hydrotest Facility



SIGMA Building



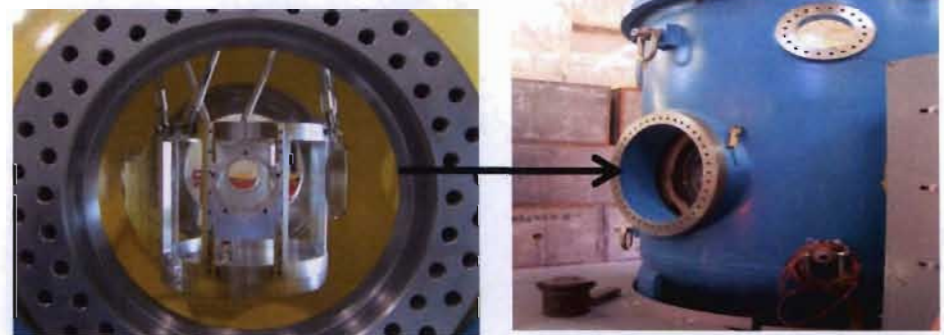
Chemistry & Metallurgy Research Replacement (RLUOB)

## DARHT world class imaging in support of the deterrent

- World class X-ray radiography for non-nuclear hydrodynamic tests
- Axis 1 single image, operational since 1999
- Axis 2 up to four images operational 2009
- World's first dual axis experiment December 2009
- 4 large scale dual axis hydros 2010
- Experiments fully contained to reduce environmental impacts and increase shot rate



**DARHT Containment System**



# Supercomputing critical to Stewardship and other scientific missions

- Stockpile challenges are increasingly complex as systems continue to age
- DARHT, LANSCE etc provide large data sets to resolve stockpile challenges
  - Data sets require ever more capable machines that can quickly process information
- Road Runner world's first machine to operate at 1.105 petaflops (million billion calculations per second)
- Cielo on line Feb 2011 @ 1.03 petaflops now upgraded to 1.35



# TA-55 the Nation's center of plutonium science and manufacturing



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# Annual Assessment– A statutory requirement and the highest priority of the Lab Director

- Detailed reports are prepared by lab staff on each warhead
- Lab Director briefed in detail by staff
- Lab Director issues letter to Secretaries of Defense & Energy and Chair of the NWC
- Lab Director briefs the Secretary of Energy
- STRATCOM prepares separate report and briefs the Secretary of Defense
- Secretaries of Defense & Energy brief the President
- President advises Congress



# LANL's HE science capabilities are being applied to the IED problem

- LANL's HE expertise in the areas of:
  - Homemade explosives - **explosives chemists**
  - Improvised explosive devices - **using HMEs in IED's or EFP's**
  - Small scale testing - **safety and sensitivity**
  - Detection - **properly identifying HMEs**
  - HME database - **information tool for our troops**



# Realistic training scenarios reinforce classroom knowledge to troops

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# 2011 weapons program is meeting key scientific and engineering deliverables to support national security

- **Barolo A and B Subcritical Experiments, and Plutonium Stepwedge Studies** executed at U1a on schedule yielding archival data and completing the Bacchus/Barolo Series
- **Cielo** delivering on applications for all 3 labs; **Cielo** performance upgrade from 1.03 to 1.37 PF/s completed
- **Critical Experiments Facility (CEF) Line Item Project** received CD-4 & Authorization to start nuclear operations in DAF
- **Complete build of WR 88 pits:** 1<sup>st</sup> FY 11 WR pit 11/4/10; 2<sup>nd</sup> pit 3/29/11; 3<sup>rd</sup> pit 4/29/11; 4<sup>th</sup> and final W88 WR pit August
- **Working with plants in support of W76-1**
- **W78** close long standing SFI using DARHT experiment data
- **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Assessment** process underway
- **B61-12** meeting milestones in support of FPU
- **CMRR/NF** supporting a number of independent reviews by Secretary of Energy, Bechtel, DoD, GAO. Lawsuit by Los Alamos Study Group to stop work on CMRR/NF **denied** by Federal Judge



# 2011 is a challenging year for the program

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- **Build upon the technical/programmatic success of the last several years**
  - DARHT experiments
  - Cielo deployment and upgrade to 1.35 petaflops
  - B61 LEP
  - RLUOB and CMRR/NF
  - Provide innovative options for stockpile sustainment
- **Guide lab thru first significant management change since contract transition in 2006**
- **Enhance relationships with DoD and military service customers**
  - STRATCOM, Global Strike, USAF, USN, military academies
- **Sustain and expand Congressional support for Stockpile Stewardship program**
- **Manage budget challenges of FY12**