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Forward

Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) protects the nation and the world using innovative science, technology, and engineering through an integrated approach that harnesses the strength of our people, capabilities, and operations. The Laboratory's Strategic Plan and Purpose statement provide the framework for scientific excellence and operational excellence now and in the future.

Our Strategic Plan and Purpose help position Los Alamos for continuing mission success that ensures the safety, security, and effectiveness of the nation's deterrent; protects the nation from nuclear and emerging threats through our larger global security missions; provides energy security to the nation; and ensures that the nation's scientific reputation and capabilities remain robust enough to assure our allies and deter our adversaries. Moreover, we use these principles and guidance to ensure that Los Alamos is successful in attracting, recruiting, and retaining the next generation of world-class talent, while creating an efficient, environmentally responsible workplace that provides our employees with access to modern scientific tools and resources. Using this guidance and its underlying principles, we are continuing to restore credibility and operational effectiveness to the Laboratory, deliver mission success and continuing scientific excellence, and protect our employees and the nation's secrets.

Contractual Requirement

This document outlines the LANL Multiyear Strategy for Performance Improvement (MYSPI) for FY17 - FY21 in accordance with Clause H-3 Contractor MYSPI of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Contract No. DE-AC52-06NA25396. "The Contractor shall develop a multiyear strategy that details 1) its planned efforts and expected accomplishments by year, to continuously improve its management and performance at the Laboratory, and 2) the planned efforts and contributions of its Parent Organization. The multiyear strategy shall also address planned efforts to 1) enhance Contractor communications, cooperation, and integration with the NNSA Weapon Complex, with emphasis on Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), and 2) contribute to overall NNSA Weapon Complex improvements in performance. The listing of the Contractor's planned efforts and expected accomplishments from its Offer in response to Solicitation No. DE-RP52-05NA25396 for FY06 (June 1, 2006, partial year) and FY07 shall be addressed in the initial multiyear strategy. Subsequent annual updates shall be submitted to the Contracting Officer no later than May 15th of each year. Performance measures for these planned efforts and expected accomplishments may be considered for inclusion in the Contract's Performance Evaluation Plan."

Strategic Framework

LANL uses a single, strategic framework for aligning both organizational and individual work (depicted below). The framework begins with the Laboratory vision, mission, and values and is accomplished through four goals to achieve a reliable, responsive Laboratory that anticipates, innovates, and delivers science that matters. For each goal, the MYSPI sets forth the vision for success and the multiyear strategies and objectives for the next five years. The multiyear strategies and objectives set the context for the annual development of Laboratory Commitments, which are specific and measurable actions to improve performance and move the Laboratory towards its goals. The MYSPI does not include the next fiscal year's annual commitments. The commitments are closely assigned with the next fiscal year's budget, which is developed later in the year.

The Laboratory's Purpose captures the dream, spirit, beliefs, character, and focus of the Laboratory. The Purpose is used to inspire and drive the overall Laboratory strategy.

To realize our performance improvement, the synergy between our mission, science, and operational effectiveness/efficiency must be understood. To focus on this integration, four Laboratory goals have been developed to highlight the theme that drives our approach: *Our vision, mission, and goals express our commitment to continuing the proud tradition of mission delivery and scientific excellence far into the future.*

Strategic Framework



LANL Vision

Delivering science and technology to protect our nation and promote world stability.

LANL Mission

To solve national security challenges through scientific excellence.

LANL Values

We value our people and the extraordinary talents brought to LANL to accomplish our mission. Our values demonstrate this point and communicate the essence of LANL.

Service	Serving our country, our partners, our community, and each other.
Excellence	Ensuring timely mission execution through scientific, operational, and business excellence.
Integrity	Building trust through intellectual honesty, ethical conduct, and individual responsibility.
Teamwork	Collaborating with colleagues and partners, respecting diverse opinions and backgrounds, vigorously debating alternatives, and coming together to achieve the best solutions.
Stewardship	Being good stewards of the taxpayers' dollars, the Laboratory, our community, and the environment.
Safety and Security	Ensuring that safety and security are integral to everything we do.

LANL Goals

- Deliver national nuclear security and broader global security mission solutions; and
- Foster excellence in science and engineering disciplines essential for national security missions; by
- Attracting, inspiring, and developing world-class talent to ensure a vital future workforce; and
- Enabling mission delivery through next-generation facilities, infrastructure, and operational excellence.

LANL Purpose

Dream	To be valued for protecting our Nation and the world, sought out for our transformational science
Spirit	Making the world safe
Beliefs	<p>We believe in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing global nuclear security and protecting the world through innovative science and technology • Ideas-Experiments-Reality • Our science and imagination saving lives by solving complex problems others can't • Building on our position as the essential core of the nuclear weapons mission by investing in leading-edge, scientific resources and capabilities • Inspiring the best talent to perform at the highest level through mission-focused teams • Providing people opportunities to do things they could never imagine • Delivering mission success through operational effectiveness and scientific excellence • Protecting our people and our nation's secrets
Character	Innovative, Agile, Passionate, Responsive, Tenacious, Trusted, Principled, Scientific, and Iconic
Focus	<i>Be Essential</i>

Strategy and Objective Development and Tracking

The specific requirements of Clause H-3 are handled in the following ways:

- LANL planned efforts and accomplishments—multiyear strategies, objectives, and timelines for each of the four goals.
- Planned efforts of the Parent Organization [Los Alamos National Security (LANS)]—where expertise, systems, tools, and best practices from Parent Organizations are critical to executing the multiyear strategies and achieving the multiyear objectives, the Parent Organization contribution is explicitly cited. Otherwise, the Parent Organization contributions are integrated into the multiyear strategies and objectives and therefore not explicitly cited.
- Emphasis on cooperation with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL)—integrated within each of the four goals as appropriate. Cooperation with LLNL is assured through common members on the Boards of Governors for LANS and Lawrence Livermore National Security (LLNS), regular meetings of the LANL and LLNL Laboratory Directors and their executive leadership teams, and specific integration projects.
- Contribution to overall NNSA Weapon Complex improvements.

GOAL 1: Deliver national nuclear security and broader global security mission solutions.

GOAL CHAMPIONS: Bob Webster and Terry Wallace

VISION OF SUCCESS: We will maintain the nation's full confidence and trust through our technical prowess, scientific integrity, and reliable delivery of solutions.

Strategies	Objectives	MYSPI Time Frame	FY16 PEMP/GOAL #
Provide a safe, secure and effective stockpile	Primary responsibility as the design agency for four of the seven nuclear weapons systems in the enduring stockpile.	FY17 - FY21	Goal 1: Manage the Nuclear Weapons Mission
	Conduct a rigorous analysis of its stockpile systems to support an annual assessment report to the President.	Annual	Goal 1: Manage the Nuclear Weapons Mission
	Through the Life Extension Project activities, extend the lifetime of warheads and bombs beyond their original designed service life.	FY17 - FY21	Goal 1: Manage the Nuclear Weapons Mission
Protect against the nuclear threat	Develop transformational technologies to better recognize nuclear and radiological threats.	FY17 - FY21	Goal 2: Reduce Nuclear Security Threats
	Provide nuclear and radiological emergency response teams that are quickly deployed anywhere in the world.	FY17 - FY21	Goal 2: Reduce Nuclear Security Threats
Counter emerging threats and create new opportunities	Build and sustain a flexible multidisciplinary science and technology capability base along with specialized experimental facilities and high-performance computational tools for modeling and simulation.	FY17 - FY21	Goal 3: DOE and Strategic Partnership Project Mission Objectives Goal 4: Science Technology & Engineering (ST&E)
Provide solutions to strengthen energy security	Safe and Sustainable Nuclear Energy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop engineering and safeguard technologies for future nuclear reactor designs and fuel cycle options, detection technologies needed for global nuclear materials management and modeling and simulation to support nuclear energy system decisions. 	FY17 - FY21	
	Materials and Concepts for Clean Energy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead advances in sustainable energy generation. 	FY17 - FY18	
	Mitigating Impacts of Global Energy Demand Growth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide measuring, modeling, and predictive simulation capabilities to assist customers in understanding the impact of climate change and the changing energy demand on national security. 	FY17 - FY18	

GOAL 2: Foster excellence in science and engineering disciplines essential for national security missions.

GOAL CHAMPION: Alan Bishop

VISION OF SUCCESS: We will ensure agile mission responsiveness by advancing exceptional science and engineering in targeted strategic disciplines.

Strategies	Objectives	MYSPI Time Frame	FY16 PEMP/GOAL #
Sustain a culture of excellence to ensure the quality and integrity of our science and engineering solutions	Effectively manage Laboratory Directed Research and Development (LDRD) with a Laboratory strategy that aligns discretionary investment with DOE/NNSA priorities and advances the frontiers of ST&E.	FY17 - FY21	Goal 3: DOE and Strategic Partnership Project Mission Objectives Goal 4: ST&E
	Utilize the capabilities of the Feynman Center to foster, deploy, and deliver innovation through innovation assets, market transition and strategic partnership projects, respectively.	FY17 - FY21	Goal 3: DOE and Strategic Partnership Project Mission Objectives
	Continue to invest in and utilize world-class user facilities to foster rich research opportunities for scientists and engineers from across the DOE complex, from international academia, and from industrial companies.	FY17 - FY21	Goal 3: DOE and Strategic Partnership Project Mission Objectives Goal 4: ST&E
Strategically invest in breakthrough science and engineering	Materials for the future. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advance exploration, and achieve greater understanding of the physics, chemistry, and metallurgy of materials in the pursuit of discovery science and engineering. 	FY17 - FY21	Goal 4: ST&E
	Science of Signatures. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply the critical science capabilities to detect, measure, and analyze the unique signatures or “fingerprints” of extraordinarily complex national security threats, to solving problems as they relate to global security, nuclear defense, energy, climate, and health. 	FY17 - FY21	

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Strategically invest in breakthrough science and engineering (continued)	Nuclear and Particle Futures. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Execute crucial fundamental research and technological developments, to successfully advance stockpile stewardship and understand the nuclear component of threat reduction. 	FY17 - FY21	
	Integrating Information, Science and Technology (IS&T) for Prediction. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieve continued significant contributions in complex system behavior prediction, materials performance, situational awareness, energy-climate impacts, and energy infrastructure. 	FY17 - FY21	
Lead in transformational science at extremes	Materials at Extreme Conditions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leading the exploration of materials functionality by design and predicting the behavior of materials in dynamic extremes is achieved by integrating experimental data and theory through predictive models and capabilities. 	FY17 - FY21	Goal 4: ST&E
	High-Performance Computing and Computational Science. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to execute the role as a world leader in high-performance computing and computational science for national security challenges, providing the computing environment, systems, and technologies that support the evolution to exascale-class computing. 	FY17 - FY21	

GOAL 3: Attracting, inspiring, and developing world-class talent to ensure a vital future workforce.

GOAL CHAMPION: Carol Burns

VISION OF SUCCESS: We will shape our excellent technical, operational, and professional talent for evolving national security needs, through recruiting, retention, and talent development.

Strategies	Objectives	MYSPI Time Frame	FY16 PEMP/GOAL #
Position the Laboratory to compete for and attract world-class talent	Establish a multiyear strategic approach to advance the identification and pursuit of world-class talent across all job categories.	FY17 - FY21	
	Strengthen the Laboratory's diversity profile by actively promoting diversity in all its dimensions, strengthening diverse science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) talent pipelines; integrating diversity into all our recruiting and selection decisions; and cultivating an inclusive workspace where differences are valued.	FY17 - FY21	
Develop and mentor next-generation workforce and leadership talent	Continue to bolster the Laboratory's postdoc program to enhance our scientific and technical vitality by facilitating the sharing of new ideas and approaches from universities and other organizations all over the world.	FY17 - FY21	
	Promote science and education through research centers and student programs via our National Security Education Center (NSEC).	FY17 - FY21	
	Cultivate leadership skills through formal programs that develop, assess, and mentor current and potential leaders (Director's Leadership Development Program [DLDP], Leadership Institute, Management Academy, formal and informal mentoring and coaching).	FY17 - FY21	
Position the Laboratory as one of the best places to work	Continue to ensure the Laboratory has the scientific tools to support compelling science, improving and modernizing the quality of work environments, keeping pace with the availability of data and information services required for modern science and providing modern technology and communication services.	FY17 - FY21	
	Create a positive, inclusive, and supportive work culture and invigorate our internal communications, practices, and tools to sustain a motivated and engaged workforce.	FY17 - FY21	

GOAL 4: Enabling mission delivery through next generation facilities, infrastructure, and operational excellence.

GOAL CHAMPIONS: Craig Leasure, Larry Simmons, Richard Kacich

VISION OF SUCCESS: We will create a modern workplace that is environmentally responsible, safe, and secure.

Strategies	Objectives	MYSPI Time Frame	FY16 PEMP/GOAL #
Demonstrate leadership in environmental stewardship, commitment to sustainability, and social responsibility	Environmental Cleanup and Restoration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleanup of historic legacy waste sites and protect water resources. 	FY17 - FY21	Goal 5: Operations and Infrastructure
	Controlling Present Conditions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and control hazards; minimize impacts to air, water, and land; implement pollution prevention programs; and protect biological and cultural resources. 	FY17 - FY21	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comply with existing environmental and radiological and hazardous waste operating permits. 	FY17 - FY21	
	Sustainable Future. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement technologies and conduct operations to support long-term environmental stewardship and sustainability. 	FY17 - FY21	
	Social Responsibility and Regional Engagement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultivate a positive relationship with our neighbors and surrounding communities. 	FY17 - FY21	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build trust and strengthen relationships with our communities and stakeholders. 	FY17 - FY21	

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Transform our infrastructure to enable scientific breakthroughs	<i>Long-Range Infrastructure Development Plan</i> , develop the actions needed for mission-centric utility and facility upgrades, footprint reduction initiatives, energy and water efficiency enhancements, facility and infrastructure asset management and other facility modernization needs. Additionally, provide actinide science and manufacturing infrastructure to meet national security mission needs.	FY17 - FY21	Goal 5: Operations and Infrastructure
	Continue to modernize our information technology infrastructure and system to deliver reliable technology solutions and increase the Laboratory's workforce productivity.	FY17 - FY21	Goal 5: Operations and Infrastructure
Drive productivity and innovation in all aspects of operations, business systems, and Information systems	Collaborate with customers and regulators to manage risk responsibility, work productively and meet mission deliverables.	FY17 - FY18	Goal 5: Operations and Infrastructure
	Deliver construction projects in accordance with the budget profile, scope, cost, schedule, quality, and risk negotiated with program sponsors or partners.	FY17 - FY18	Goal 5: Operations and Infrastructure
	Develop integrated project teams to successfully plan, execute, and manage projects at the Laboratory. Provide qualified project managers to lead integrated project teams.	FY17 - FY18	Goal 5: Operations and Infrastructure
Protect our people, our assets, and our information	Promote mental and physical health among the employee population, anticipate and mitigate significant operational health and safety risks, and enhance Laboratory performance safety margins.	FY17 - FY21	Goal 5: Operations and Infrastructure
	Sustain robust and resilient physical security infrastructure and safeguards that protect personnel, property, special and alternate nuclear materials and classified matter at LANL.	FY17 - FY21	Goal 5: Operations and Infrastructure
	Deliver a secure cyber network that is reliable, agile, and resilient and that effectively mitigates risks.	FY17 - FY21	Goal 5: Operations and Infrastructure