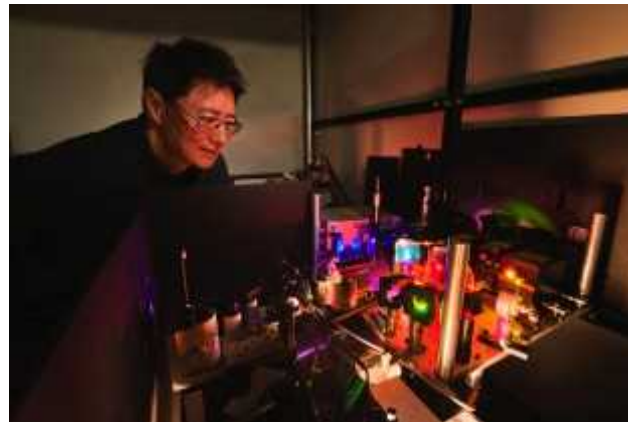


*Exceptional service in the national interest*



## Sandia National Laboratories Overview

**Robert W. Leland**

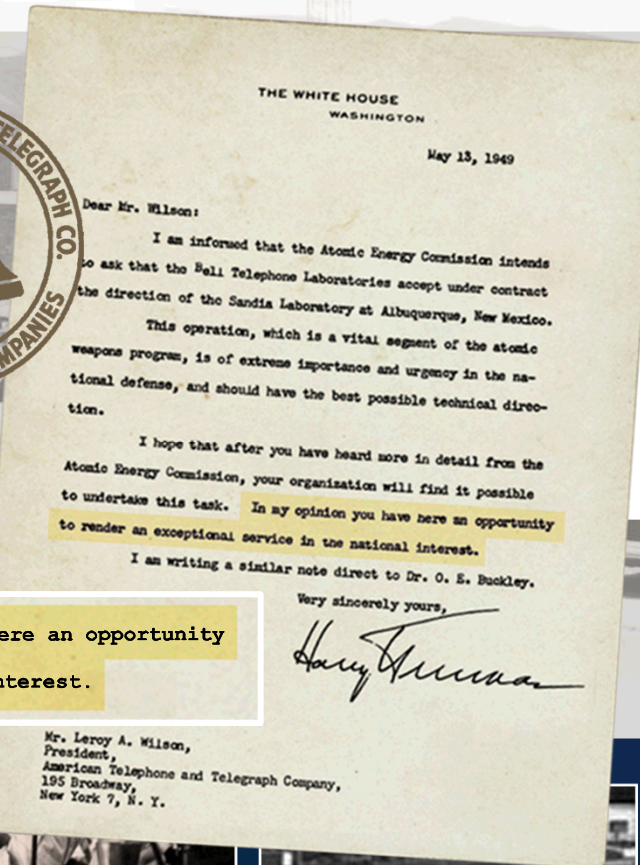
Vice President, Science & Technology  
Chief Technology Officer



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# Sandia's history

*Exceptional service in the national interest*

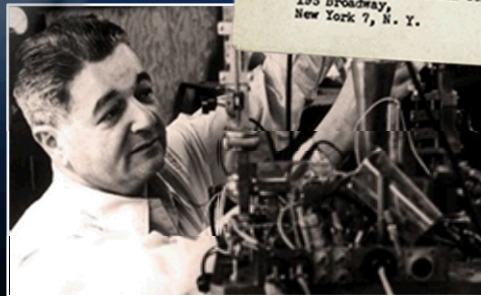


- **July 1945:** Los Alamos creates Z Division
- Nonnuclear component engineering
- **November 1, 1949:** Sandia Laboratory established



to undertake this task. In my opinion you have here an opportunity to render an exceptional service in the national interest.

Mr. Leroy A. Wilson,  
President,  
American Telephone and Telegraph Company,  
195 Broadway,  
New York 7, N. Y.



# Sandia: A Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC)

- **FFRDC: an entity sponsored under a broad charter by one or more government agencies**
  - Perform, analyze, integrate, support, and/or manage basic or applied research and/or development
  - Operate in the public interest with objectivity and independence, free from organizational conflict of interest
  - Maintain core competencies in missions of national significance
  - Types: R&D laboratories, study and analysis centers, and systems engineering and integration centers
  - 41 FFRDCs in the nation serve 10 different agencies in defense, homeland security, energy, aviation, space, health and human services, and tax administration
  
- **FFRDCs are important to the nation**
  - Comprehensive knowledge of sponsors' needs
  - Ability to respond to emerging needs/anticipate future critical issues
  - Objectivity to produce thorough, independent analyses
  - Uninterrupted, long-term support based on a continuing relationship
  - Broad access to sensitive government and commercial proprietary information
  - Ability to respond quickly to address urgent and high-priority challenges



# Sandia's mission work reflects national security challenges

**1950s**

NW production  
engineering &  
manufacturing  
engineering

**1960s**

Development  
engineering

**1970s**

Multiprogram  
laboratory

**1980s**

Missile defense  
work

**1990s**

Post-Cold War  
transition

**2000s**

Expanded national  
security role  
post 9/11

**2010s**

LEPs  
Cyber, Biosecurity  
Proliferation

Vietnam conflict

Energy crisis

Cold War

Stockpile  
stewardship

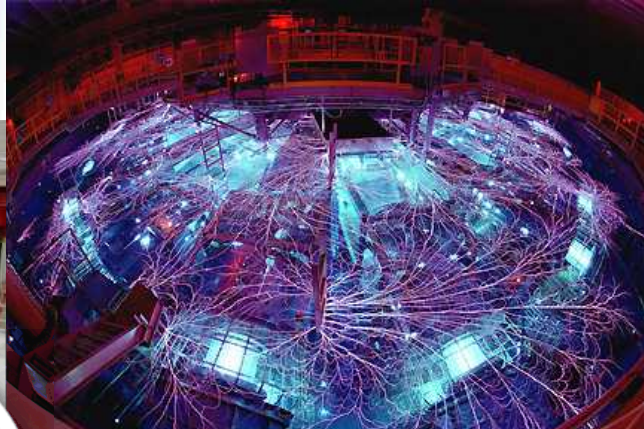
Evolving national  
security challenges



# Sandia's research framework

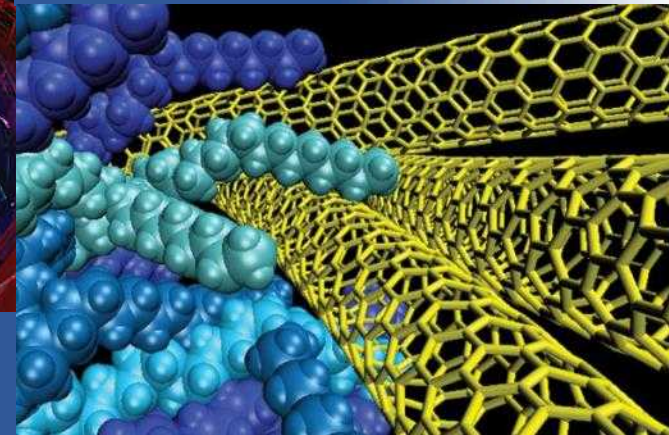
*Research Foundations play a vital role in our mission delivery*

## Computing & Information Sciences

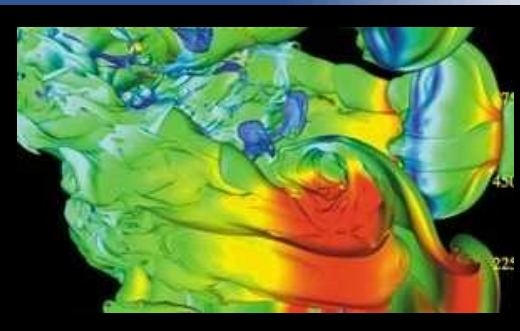


## Radiation Effects & High Energy Density Science

## Materials Sciences

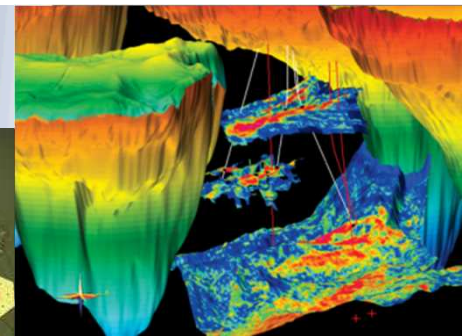


## Engineering Sciences



## Bioscience

## Nanodevices & Microsystems



## Geoscience



# Sandia's Research Challenges

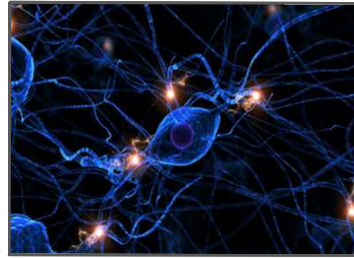
*Multidisciplinary research campaigns that complement Research Foundations*



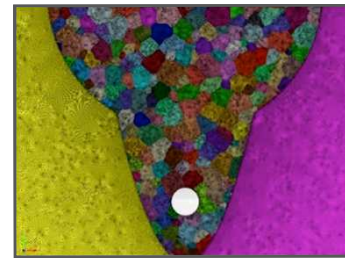
*Data Science*



*Detection at the Limit*



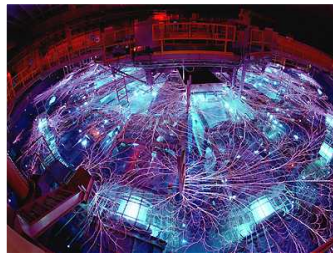
*Engineering Abiotic-Biotic Living Systems*



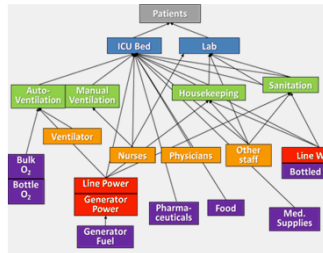
*Engineering of Materials Reliability*



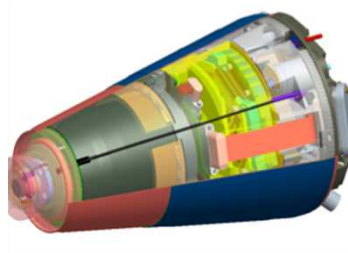
*Power on Demand*



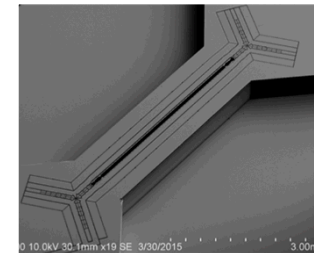
*Pulsed Power Opportunities for Weapons & Effects Research*



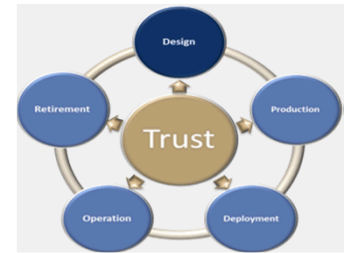
*Resiliency in Complex Systems*



*Revolutionary Approaches to the Stockpile*



*Science & Engineering of Quantum Information Systems*



*Trusted Systems & Communication*

*Engage expertise from fundamental science to technology application*

*Pursue decade-scale "moon shot" goals guided by roadmaps*

*Create transformational capabilities that address mission-critical problems*

# Drivers for a lab-university alliance

- Evolving makeup of the national (and global) research landscape
- Complex nature of the problems that are important to the nation
- Challenge of developing a sufficient base of qualified researchers
- Availability and mechanisms for funding to address these problems
- Expected benefits of collaboratively developing new ideas and technology

# Alliance objectives

- **Establish a strategic FFRDC-university partnership model to maximize collective S&T value to the nation**
  - Envision and define future of science and engineering for the nation
  - Provide thought leadership on critical S&T issues
- **Provide opportunities for university partners to expand their engagement in national security R&D**
  - Alliance partners share a common interest and commitment to service
- **Enrich our mutual capabilities and expand our impact**
  - Solve significant problems we could not address alone
  - Sustain and enrich our talent pipeline
  - Accelerate the commercialization and adoption of new technologies





# Possible guiding principles for our Alliance

- Our alliance will present a national model with respect to its purpose
- We will act collectively to effect systemic change to achieve this common purpose
- We will all concur on alliance actions
- Other bilateral or multilateral relationships between us may continue or develop
- Membership in the alliance may evolve with time

# Topics for discussion

- Does this partnership model resonate with you?
- What value do you believe a multi-lateral alliance can bring to your institution?
- Where would you suggest we focus the Alliance's efforts (specific issues/technical problems)?
- Do you see drawbacks in this model? How could they be addressed?

# Questions?



# Backup

**Vision:** On behalf of our nation, we anticipate and solve the most challenging problems that threaten security in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Mission:** Our unique mission responsibilities in the nuclear weapons program create a foundation from which we leverage capabilities enabling us to solve complex national security problems.

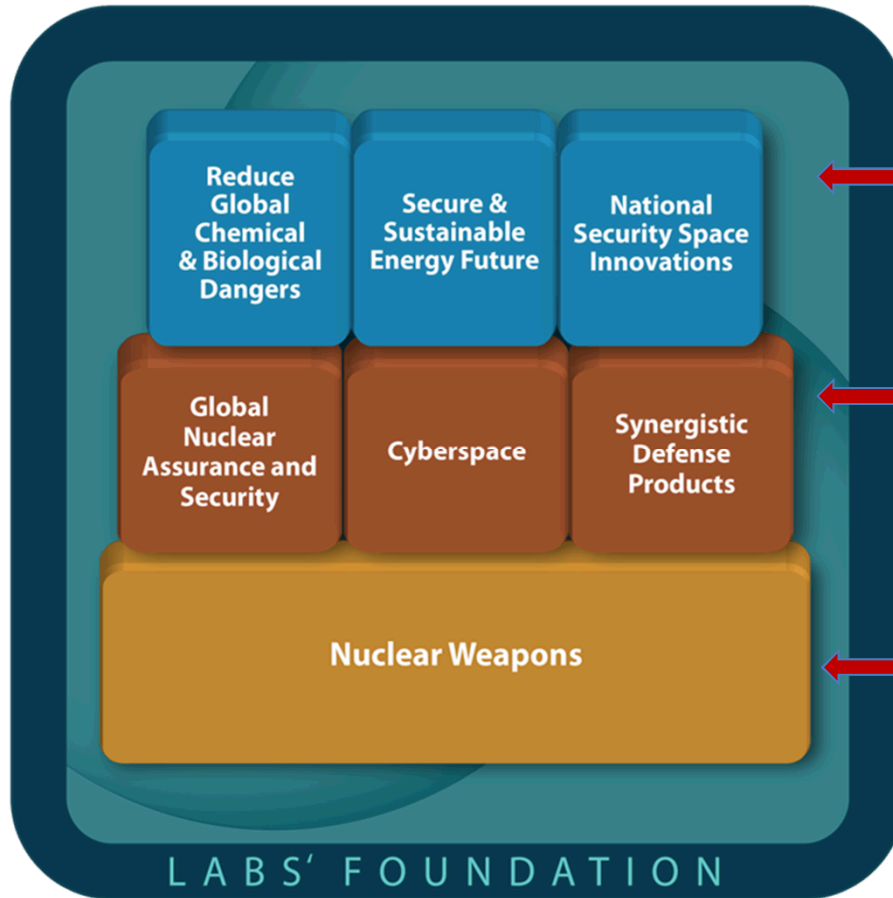
## Fundamental Characteristics

- Engineering to high standards
- Engineering that integrates science
- Engineering that enables scientific discovery
- Engineering and science to assure mission
- Lasting retention of talent with depth and breadth
- Anticipating emerging national security threats



*Underpinned by our values and a culture of safety, security, ethics, and quality.*

# Sandia's National Security Mission Areas



- Top row: Critical to national security and synergistic with the Labs' foundation
- Middle row: Strongly interdependent with the nuclear weapons mission and provide value to the nation
- Bottom row: Our core mission, nuclear weapons, is enabled by a strong scientific and engineering foundation.



# Laboratories' Foundation and Capabilities



- High-reliability engineering
- Sensors and sensing systems
- Cyber technology
- Reverse engineering
- Micro and nano devices and systems
- Modeling & simulation and experiment
- Natural and engineered materials
- Pathfinders
- Safety, risk, and vulnerability analysis

# Sandia sites

*Albuquerque, New Mexico*



*Livermore, California*



*Kauai, Hawaii*



*Waste Isolation Pilot Plant,  
Carlsbad, New Mexico*



*Pantex Plant,  
Amarillo, Texas*



*Tonopah,  
Nevada*





# Governance

## Sandia Corporation

- AT&T: 1949–1993
- Martin Marietta: 1993–1995
- Lockheed Martin: 1995–present
- Existing contract expires: April 30, 2016, with a one-year contract extension option
- Government owned, contractor operated

Federally funded  
research and development center





# Sandia's mission and research objectives

Our unique mission responsibilities in the nuclear weapons (NW) program create a foundation from which we leverage capabilities, enabling us to solve complex national security problems.

Research conducted at Sandia shall enable mission delivery now and in the future and advance the frontiers of science and engineering.



# Sandia's research strategy

*Providing direction for our research enterprise*

## Strengthen our research portfolio



Research Foundation strategies and aligned LDRD investments sustain and strengthen the ST&E base

## Address integrating Research Challenges



Research Challenges are “moon shot” research activities intended to drive integration of research and mission

## Improve the research environment



Research environment improvements facilitate strategy execution and increase attractiveness of the Lab

# Sandia is a Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC): Key FFRDC attributes\*

- Long-term relationships with the government afford the continuity that will *attract high-quality personnel* to the FFRDC and encourage the FFRDC to *maintain currency in its field(s)* of expertise.
- Meets *special long-term research or development needs*.
- Operates in the public interest with *objectivity and independence*, is *free from organizational conflicts of interest*, and fully discloses its affairs to the sponsoring agency.
- Is operated, *managed*, and/or administered as an *autonomous organization* or as an identifiable separate operating unit of a parent organization.
- *Does not* use privileged information to *compete with the private sector* but may work for other than the sponsoring agency when the work is not available from the private sector.

\* Abridged definition from the Federal Acquisition Regulation