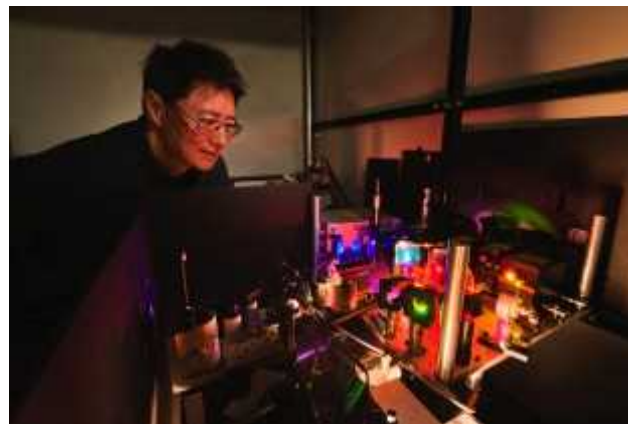
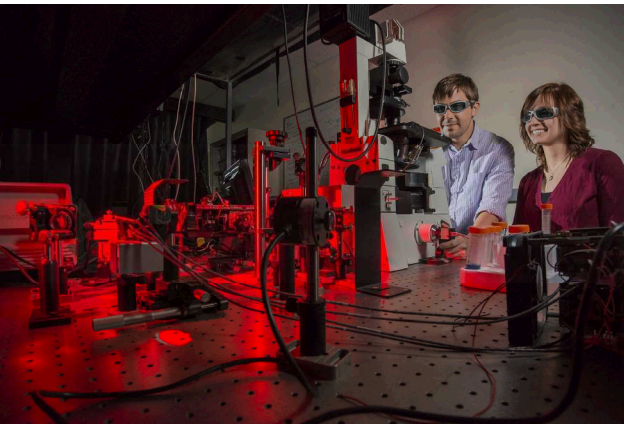


*Exceptional service in the national interest*



## CTO Overview and Charge to the Board

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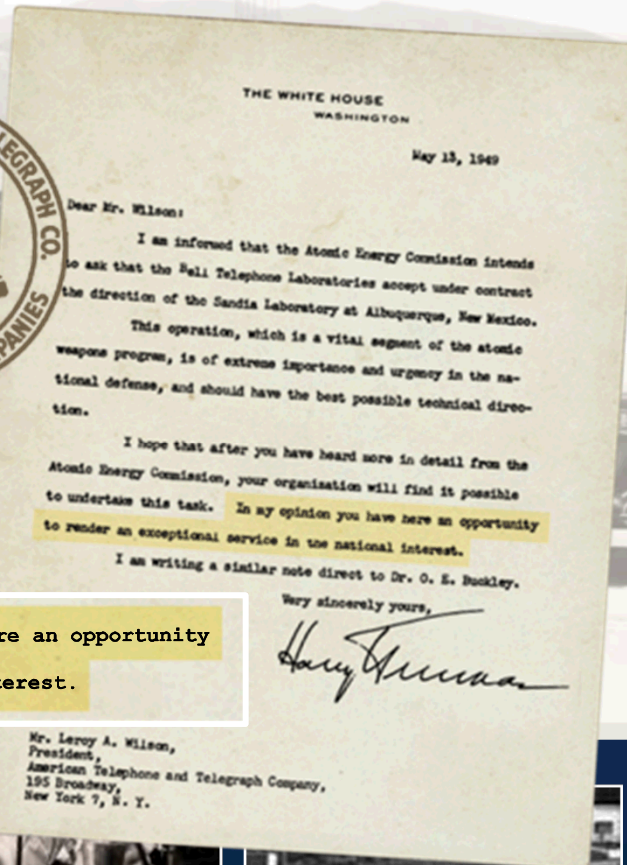
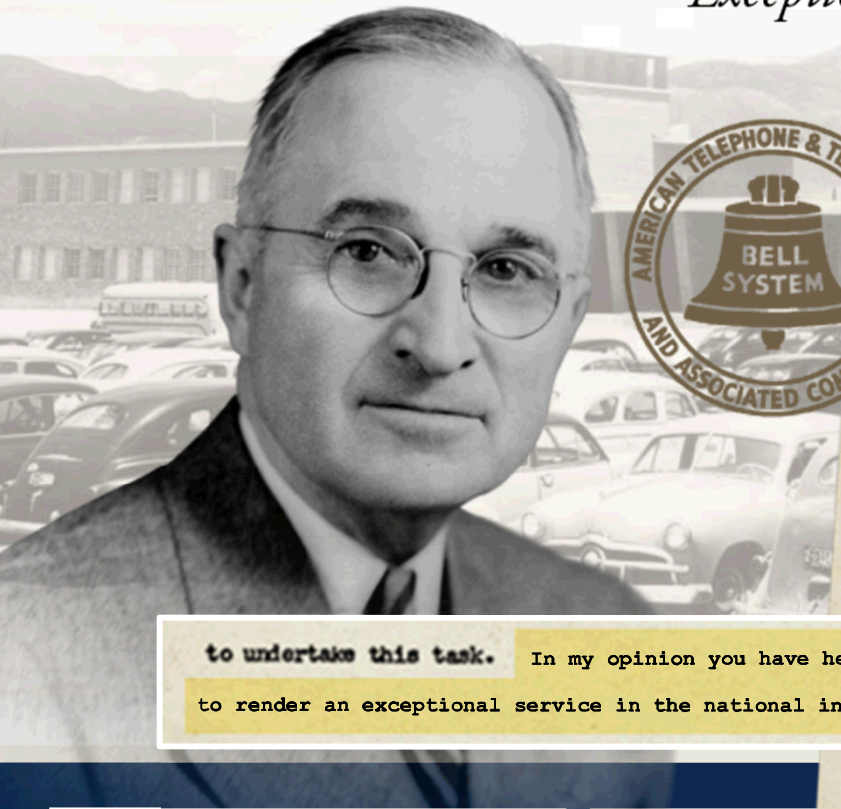
Director, Research Strategy & Partnerships

Deputy Chief Technology Officer



# Sandia's history

*Exceptional service in the national interest*



- **July 1945:** Los Alamos creates Z Division
- **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.**



# 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



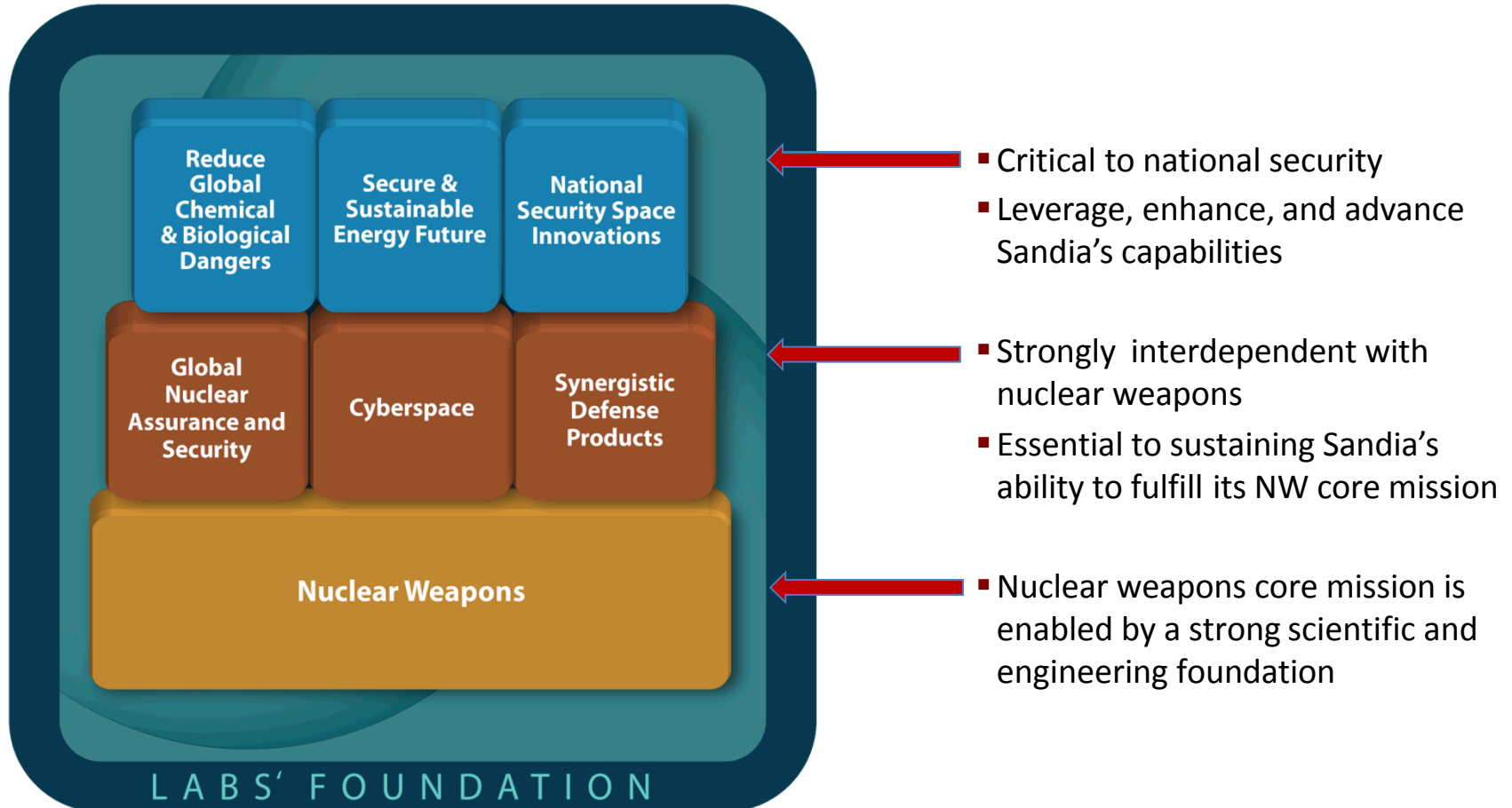
# Sandia's mission, research objective

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.

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



# Sandia's mission areas



# Sandia's foundation enables and connects the mission areas

**People, facilities & tools, and research generate the capabilities that support our national security missions:**

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



# Sandia's research strategy

*Providing direction for our research enterprise*

## Strengthen our research portfolio



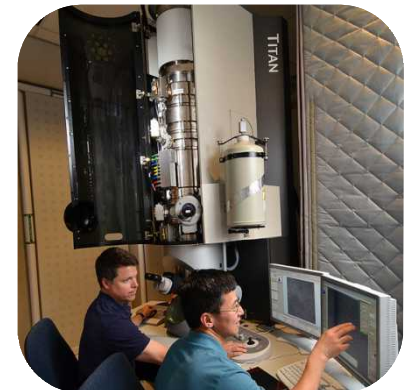
Research Foundation strategies and aligned LDRD investments sustain and strengthen the ST&E base

## Address integrating Research Challenges



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

## Improve the research environment

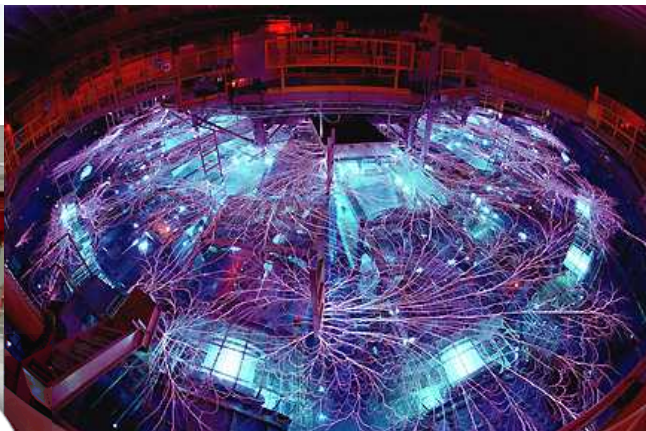


Research environment improvements facilitate strategy execution and increase attractiveness of the Lab

# Research Foundations

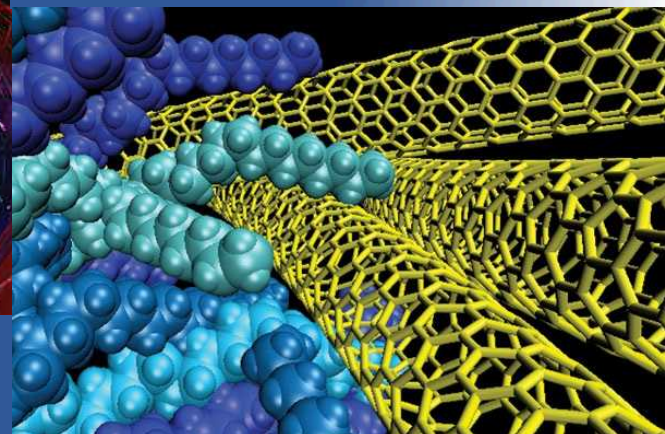
*Enduring discipline-based competencies essential to our mission*

## Computing & Information Sciences

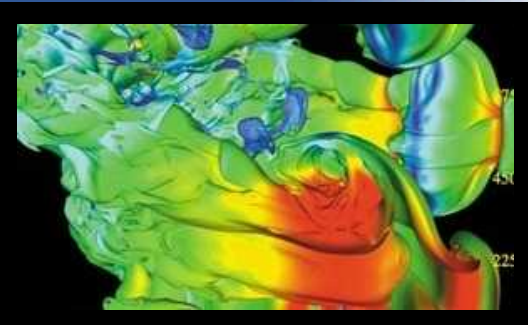


## Radiation Effects & High Energy Density Science

## Materials Sciences

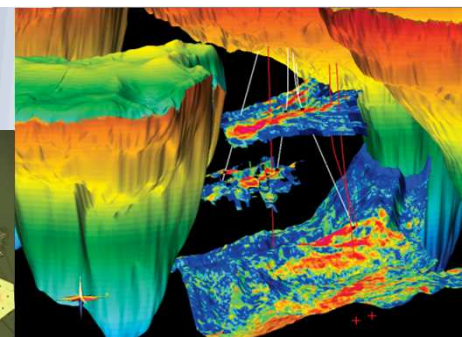
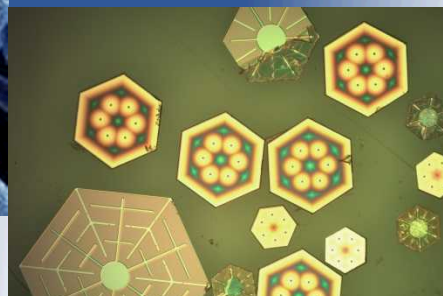


## Engineering Sciences



## Bioscience

## Nanodevices & Microsystems



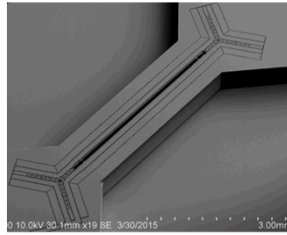
## Geoscience

# Sandia's Research Challenges

Multidisciplinary research campaigns that complement Research Foundations



Power on Demand



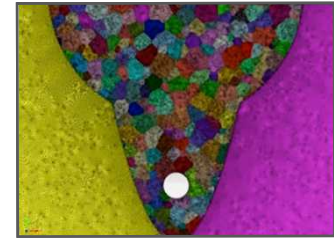
Science & Engineering of Quantum Information Systems



Trusted Systems & Communication



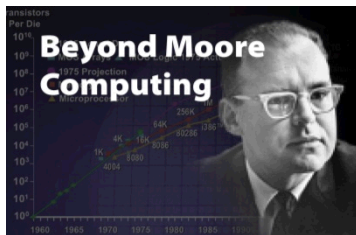
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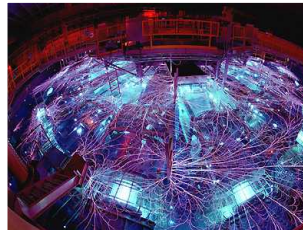
Engineering of Materials Reliability



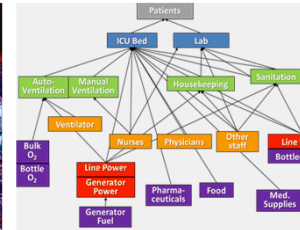
Data Science



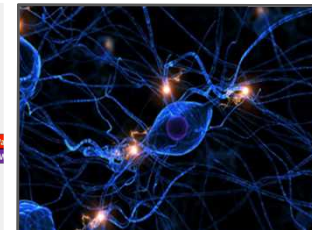
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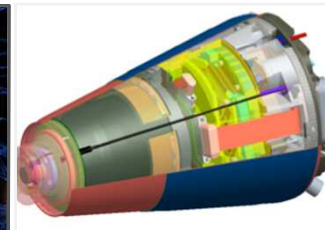
Pulsed Power Opportunities for Weapons & Effects Research



Resiliency in Complex Systems



Engineering Abiotic-Biotic Living Systems



Revolutionary Approaches to the Stockpile

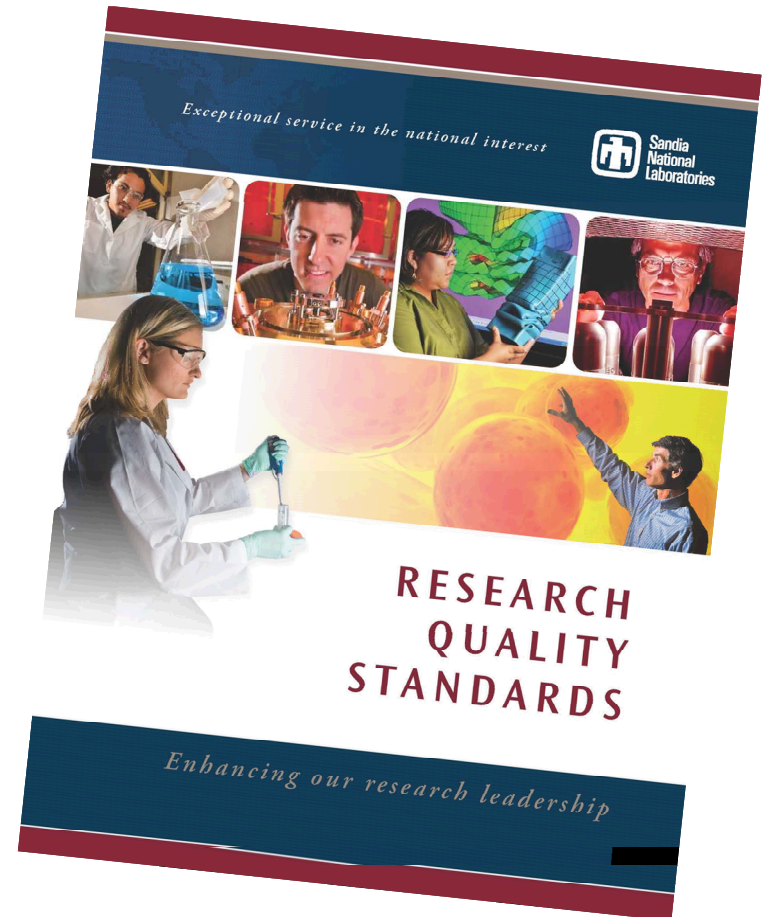
Engage expertise from fundamental science to technology application

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

Create transformational capabilities that address mission-critical problems

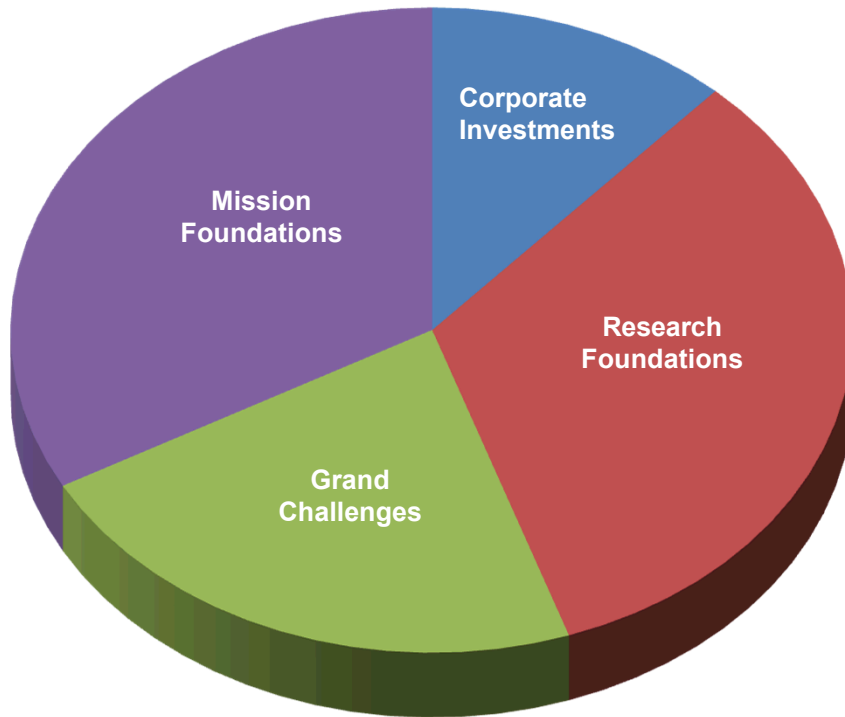
# Research Quality Standards

- Sandia's *Research Quality Standards* will enhance our leadership in research and innovation while preventing the undesired consequences of research defects
- Fifty case studies cover all phases of research to
  - Help research scientists avoid common problems that could harm their reputation and career
  - Help mentor and advise new researchers
  - Help assure our customers that our research is of the highest integrity



# Laboratory Directed Research and Development

**FY16**  
**\$155M**



- **Research Foundations** – Anticipate future research needs and capabilities through exploratory research critical to all Mission Areas.
- **Mission Foundations** – Strategic R&D to support NNSA, DOE, and Strategic Partnership Projects missions and their ST&E needs.
- **Corporate Investments**
  - **Strategic Partnerships** – Leverage external resources to solve mutual challenges.
  - **Exploratory Express** – Enable embryonic research ideas with high potential.
  - **Reserves and Program Management** – Support emerging research opportunities.

# Enduring goals support current program philosophy

Enable our national security missions, now and in the future

Advance the frontiers of science and technology

Attract and retain a world-class research community



*Research Foundations*

*Mission Foundations*

*Corporate Investments*

*Grand Challenges*

# Strategy drives program execution

**LABORATORY-DIRECTED**  
IA Calls incorporate strategic guidance from MAs and RCs.



**CALL FOR IDEAS**

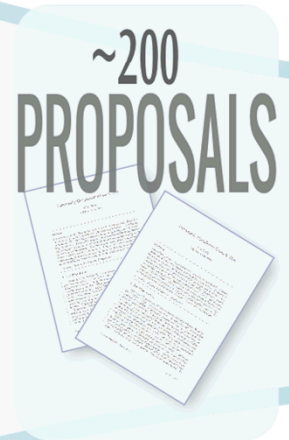


**EMPLOYEE-SUGGESTED**  
Staff generate creative, high-risk, high-value ideas.

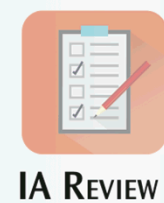
IAs consider:  
*programmatic alignment, technical credibility*



**IA REVIEW**



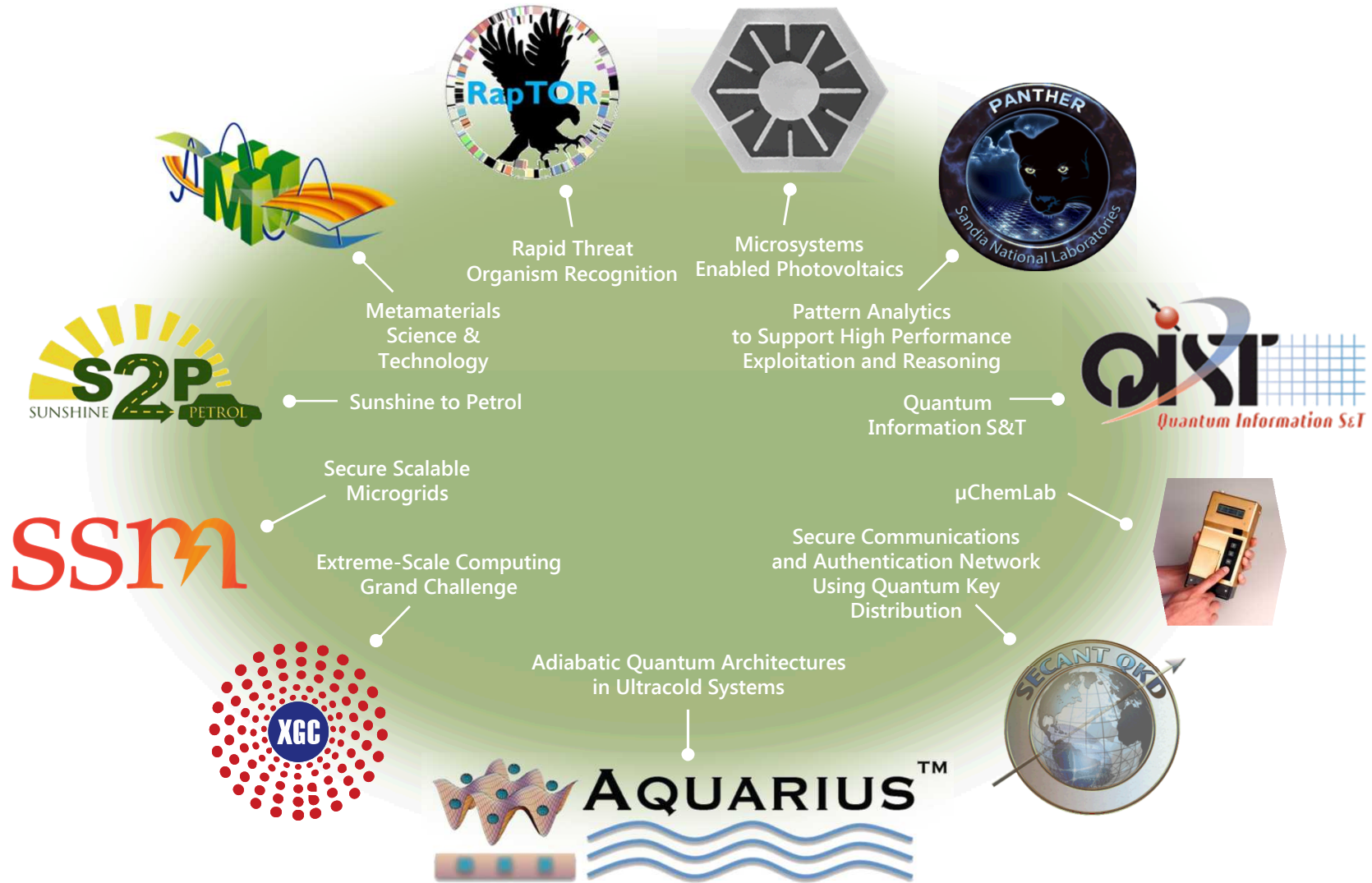
IAs consider:  
*mission, strategic, and RC alignment; technical quality*



**IA REVIEW**



# Grand Challenges: Bold high-risk ideas with significant potential for national impact



# EAB charter

The EAB will assess and provide external, independent review and guidance to the Grand Challenge (GC) team and Sandia National Laboratories' management on the GC's strategy, relevance, quality, capabilities, and impact.

## Research Assessment Elements and Focus Questions

<p><b>Strategy</b>  <i>Research strategy is clear, having strategic goals, areas of research focus, competitive analysis, and measures of success.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If we are successful, how and where will the GC be transformative?</li> <li>▪ What do you see as the 1-3 biggest areas of risk for the GC's strategy?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Relevance</b>  <i>Research enables the Labs' national security missions, benefits Sandia, DOE/NNSA, and the nation.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Where do you see our work having the highest relevance?</li> <li>▪ How could we increase the relevance?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Quality</b>  <i>Research is high quality and at the leading edge, and is performed with high integrity and fidelity.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What is your view of the quality of the research plan?</li> <li>▪ What aspects of the planned research are leading edge?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Workforce / Capabilities</b>  <i>Research enables the attraction, retention and development of Sandia's technical staff, and the development of differentiating capabilities.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Where can the project strengthen Sandia's technical base the most?</li> <li>▪ What would you anticipate to be the GC's long-term S&amp;T legacy?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Impact</b>  <i>Research leads to outcomes supportive of strategic goals, such as S&amp;E leadership, technology deployment and intellectual property.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Does the GC have an effective plan to engage with the broader community?</li> <li>▪ What else would greatly enhance the impact of our GC?</li> </ul>

# Backups

# Research Challenges

*Focused research campaigns that complement Research Foundations*

## Current mature Research Challenges:

- **Power on Demand**
- **Science & Engineering of Quantum Information Systems**
- **Trusted Systems & Communications**
- **Detection at the Limit**
- **Engineering of Materials Reliability**

## Under development

- Data Science
- Engineering Abiotic/Biotic Living Systems
- First to High-Yield Fusion
- Resiliency in Complex Systems
- Revolutionary Approaches to the Stockpile
- Beyond Moore Computing

## Research Challenge attributes:

- Decade-scale “moon shot” efforts
- Targeted at technical breakthroughs necessary for mission areas
- Executed by Communities of Practice across the Labs
- Generate roadmaps that guide the broader R&D effort

# Research strategy is an extension of the Lab strategy

## Labs' Strategic Objectives

1. Amplify our national security impact
2. Strengthen our Laboratories' foundation to maximize mission impact
3. Advance an exceptional work environment that enables and inspires our people in service to our nation

## Research Strategy Goals

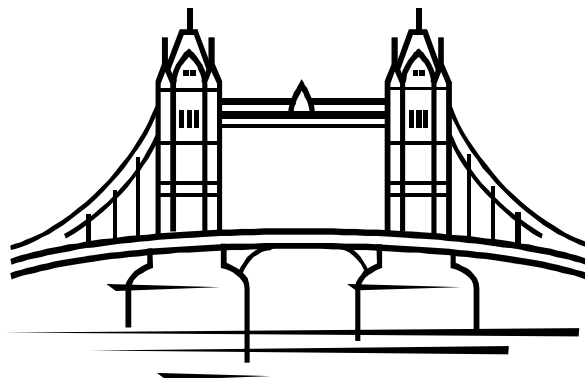
1. Provide critical differentiation in the delivery of mission through the research portfolio
  - **Research Foundation** strategy development, maturation, and implementation
2. Tackle ground-breaking interdisciplinary research challenges that create transformational opportunities in national security
  - **Research Challenge** identification, maturation, and implementation
3. Steward and nurture a vibrant, problem-rich research environment
  - **State of the Research Environment**
  - **Research Quality Standards**

# Why research challenges?

*Research challenges organize previously unconnected researchers working on similar problems*

*Research challenges connect interdisciplinary research programs to mission critical technical obstacles*

*Research challenges cross the “valley of death” to deliver national security solutions*



*Research challenges are a bridge between the research and mission communities*