

*Exceptional service in the national interest*

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*“... This operation, which is a vital segment of the atomic weapons program, is of extreme importance and urgency in the national defense, and should have the best possible technical direction... In my opinion, you have here an opportunity to render an **exceptional service in the national interest.**”*

— President Harry S. Truman

in a letter to AT&T President Leroy A. Wilson, asking Bell Labs to “accept under contract the direction of Sandia Laboratory,” May 18, 1949



## A BOLD HERITAGE

Sandia was born out of America’s World War II atomic bomb development effort. Soon the Lab’s original mission as an ordnance design, testing, and assembly facility grew to include engineering design for all nonnuclear components of the nation’s nuclear weapons. As national security requirements have evolved, so has Sandia’s mission.

Keeping our nuclear stockpile safe, secure, and reliable remains an important part of Sandia’s work. But to address the more complex and dynamic national security threats facing the country today, Sandia supports nearly every U.S. government agency. The R&D carried out here influences the lives of millions of Americans.

Technologies developed at Sandia prevent the use and spread of weapons of mass destruction, protect our national infrastructures, defend our nation against terrorism threats, keep U.S. soldiers and military bases from harm, and ensure the stability of our nation’s energy and water supplies.

Sandia strives to become the laboratory that the U.S. turns to first for technology solutions to the most challenging problems that threaten peace and freedom for our nation and the globe.



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