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DATE: July 25, 2016  
TO: NMSU Las Cruces faculty, staff and students  
FROM: Garrey Carruthers, Chancellor   
SUBJECT: Sandia National Laboratories operating contract

I am pleased to announce that New Mexico State University has joined a team that is competing for the Sandia National Laboratories management and operating contract.

Lockheed Martin has named a national research university and a consortium of New Mexico universities to its team competing for the contract. NMSU, together with Purdue University and the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, will play key roles in Sandia's specialized research and development and technology transfer initiatives.

I am very pleased that NMSU is teaming with Lockheed, New Mexico Tech and Purdue to seek the Sandia contract. The future of research and development for great universities such as NMSU, New Mexico Tech and Purdue is to participate in teams that enhance strengths while contributing to agency goals and objectives.

Each university will provide expert personnel and facilities to advance Sandia's dynamic research and development programs, which are on the cutting edge of nuclear deterrence, cyber security, energy technologies, non-proliferation and advanced computing. In addition, the new team arrangements will allow students and faculty from the universities to interact more strategically at Sandia to promote collaboration, innovation and talent development.

We are eager to partner with Lockheed Martin, New Mexico Tech and Purdue on this important project and feel it will open an exciting new chapter in NMSU's long history of science, engineering and research expertise.