

Indiana's [Purdue University has teamed up with Bechtel National](#) to submit a bid for the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Management and Operating contract. This makes four universities that have submitted LANL contract bids: the University of California, the University of Texas, Texas A&M University and Purdue University.

New Mexico's Gross Receipts Tax: A bill proposed to tax the gross receipts of certain non-profits which would include any new non-profit contractor managing Los Alamos National Laboratory was vetoed by Governor Susana Martinez at the beginning of March. [See full article here.](#)

A new analysis of [the number of Los Alamos National Laboratory publications](#) in Nature Family and Physical Review journals compared to those of other national laboratories and specific universities show a marked decrease in LANL publications, especially since LANL's privatization in 2006.

Former Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) Health Physicist, Lisa Gordon-Haggerty, was confirmed unanimously by the U.S. Senate to head the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). Her top priority will be the production of plutonium. [See full article here.](#)

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