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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY TO CONDUCT A JOINT FEASIBILITY STUDY OF ACQUIRING MANAGEMENT OF THE LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY.

WHEREAS, Los Alamos national laboratory is one of the nation's leading defense research facilities, employing thousands of highly qualified persons with a multimillion dollar annual budget; and

WHEREAS, Los Alamos national laboratory has tremendous knowledge in supercomputing, laser technology, energy technology, environmental control, superconducting, biotechnology and material synthesis that could assist the entire country in transforming its industrial technology base; and

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WHEREAS, Los Alamos national laboratory is currently managed by the university of California, but that management contract will expire soon; and

WHEREAS, the management of Los Alamos national laboratory by a consortium of New Mexico's three research universities may prove to be both more efficient and more beneficial than having management by the university of California;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the university of New Mexico, New Mexico state university and the New Mexico institute of mining and technology be requested to study the feasibility of a consortium of these three institutions of higher education negotiating or bidding for management of Los Alamos national laboratory; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the presidents of the university of New Mexico, New Mexico state university and the New Mexico institute of mining and technology.

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