



**TOWN OF TAOS
RESOLUTION 07-19**

INVESTMENT IN NORTHERN NEW MEXICO'S FUTURE

WHEREAS, the United States of America, through its agencies, has "recompeted" the contract for operation of the Los Alamos National Laboratory (the "Lab"); and

WHEREAS, the Request for Proposal for the Lab contract clearly sets forth a new paradigm for Lab operation and management; and

WHEREAS, the new management paradigm will lead to a change in the taxable status of Lab operations, possible reductions in the Lab workforce, changes in the workforce composition, and other changes which will impact the workers and economy of Northern New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Los Alamos County has reached out to other communities in Northern New Mexico to seek their input and involvement on a consolidated approach to the challenges posed by the new operational paradigm; and

WHEREAS, the new Lab operation and management contract has taken effect on June 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Town of Taos wishes to ensure that any negative impacts on Northern New Mexico from the changes in the operation and management of the Lab are addressed equitably and in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Town of Taos supports the objective of moving aggressively to broaden the economic base of stable, high paying jobs in Northern New Mexico.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF TAOS

- 1.** Requests that the Governor and the New Mexico State Legislature join with affected communities in Northern New Mexico in a cooperative effort to assess the community impacts arising from the award of the new lab contract including but not limited to the impacts upon economic development, employment and tax revenues; and further, to assist in reducing any negative impacts of the award on Northern New Mexico communities.
- 2.** Supports the investment of an equitable share of gross receipts tax revenues resulting from the new lab contract in plans, programs, and

projects that will build a foundation for a self-sufficient and sustainable economy for Northern New Mexico.

3. Supports initiatives by the affected communities to work together to develop and implement such plans, programs, and projects.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of March 2007.

TOWN OF TAOS

By:

**BOBBY F. DURAN
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

Renee Lucero
Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Renee Barela-Gutierrez
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