

SOC-Los Alamos and major subcontractors support northern New Mexico

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SOC-Los Alamos, Los Alamos National Laboratory's protective force subcontractor and a member of the Laboratory's Major Subcontractor Consortium, reached its \$1 million community giving mark with a \$10,000 check to United Way of Northern New Mexico on September 17.

"SOC-Los Alamos is firmly committed to investing in the northern New Mexico communities in which our employees live," said SOC-Los Alamos' General Manager Jack Killeen. "All of our employees are from this area and some are even third-generation, with their grandpa perhaps having worked for the Manhattan Project. We think it's important to not only provide high-quality jobs but actively support the region's economy and local infrastructures."

The company's \$1 million milestone is based on cash dollars only and does not take into account in-kind donations, value of volunteer service, the value of SOC-Los Alamos' Executive on Loan program, related salaries or any of the grant dollars SOC-Los Alamos has secured for its programs or for programs administered by its partners. Some of SOC-Los Alamos' larger investments, averaging about \$200,000 each, have included United Way of Northern New Mexico, the LANL Foundation and the SOC High School Scholarship Program.

"So far, the SOC High School Scholarship Program has provided 170 students with scholarships specifically geared toward filling the first-year gap for college-bound scholars hoping to receive a New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship," Liddie Martinez, SOC-Los Alamos' Director of Community and Economic Development, explained. "To be eligible to receive the Lottery Scholarship, students must successfully complete the first semester of college on their own while maintaining a grade point average of 2.5, which can be especially difficult for students working part-time or living in rural areas and commuting long distances to school."

SOC-Los Alamos' smaller projects have ranged from purchasing a second van for Española's Amigos Del Valle nonprofit to paying for staffing costs at the Española Teen Center and helping to replace the antiquated computers in the center's student computer lab.

Most recently, SOC-Los Alamos helped raise funds for the Industry Cluster Development Grants currently offered by the Laboratory's Major Subcontractors Consortium in partnership with the New Mexico Community Foundation. The consortium raised \$50,000, with another \$50,000 matched by Los Alamos National Security, LLC. For application details, consult this issue's [For Your Calendar](#) section.

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