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**LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL SECURITY, ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
CONTRACT TO PROVIDE LAB EMERGENCY SERVICES**

LIVERMORE, CA, October 3, 2007 – Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS) will contract with the Alameda County Fire Department to provide emergency services to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL).

The county began providing fire, medical and hazardous material emergency services to the Laboratory on Oct. 1. Alameda County has hired all LLNL fire department personnel, who will remain assigned to fire stations at the main Laboratory site as well as Site 300, the experimental test facility located on the Alameda County-Tracy border.

The contract also allows the Laboratory fire department to provide services it would no longer be able to provide under LLNS, a private entity. Working through Alameda County, the Laboratory will continue to manage the Alameda County Regional Communication Center and provide mutual aid to surrounding communities.

Laboratory fire department staffing levels, security clearance requirements, response schedules and training requirements will not change. All LLNL fire department mutual aid plans and memoranda of understanding will remain in effect while they undergo review and updating, where needed, to reflect Alameda County Fire Department's contract with LLNS.

“This contract allows our Fire Department to continue to provide the high level of public service not only to the Laboratory, but to our surrounding communities,” said former LLNL Fire Chief Randy Bradley, who will serve as deputy fire chief for Alameda County and manager of the communication center. “Combining these fire departments will improve overall emergency response capabilities to LLNL and Alameda County.”

“This is the beginning of a great public-private partnership with LLNS, and another step forward in enhancing fire services throughout the region,” said Alameda County Fire Chief Sheldon Gilbert.

Bradley will step down as Alameda County Operational Area Coordinator. Gilbert, the first alternate, will serve in Bradley's place until the Alameda County fire chiefs hold an election to fill the vacancy.

The LLNS team was formed to manage and operate Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory by entities renowned for their expertise and accomplishments throughout the DOE nuclear weapons complex and beyond. Bechtel is the largest project management contractor in the United States. The University of California is the world's largest public research institution. BWX Technologies and Washington Group International are the top two DOE nuclear facilities contractors and between them manage and operate four of DOE's five safest sites. Battelle is a global leader in science and technology and commercializes technology, performs contract research and manages laboratories for government and industry. The team also includes Texas A&M University, which provides programs in homeland security and national security.

The ACFD is a full-service fire department providing all risk response to the largest fire service response area in the county covering more than 490 square miles of urban, suburban, San Francisco Bay and rural areas. With the addition of LLNL, the department is comprised of 26 fire companies and 21 fire stations that serve the unincorporated areas of Alameda County, the City of San Leandro, the City of Dublin and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL).

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