Los Alamos National Laboratory cosponsors 30th Expanding Your Horizons conference

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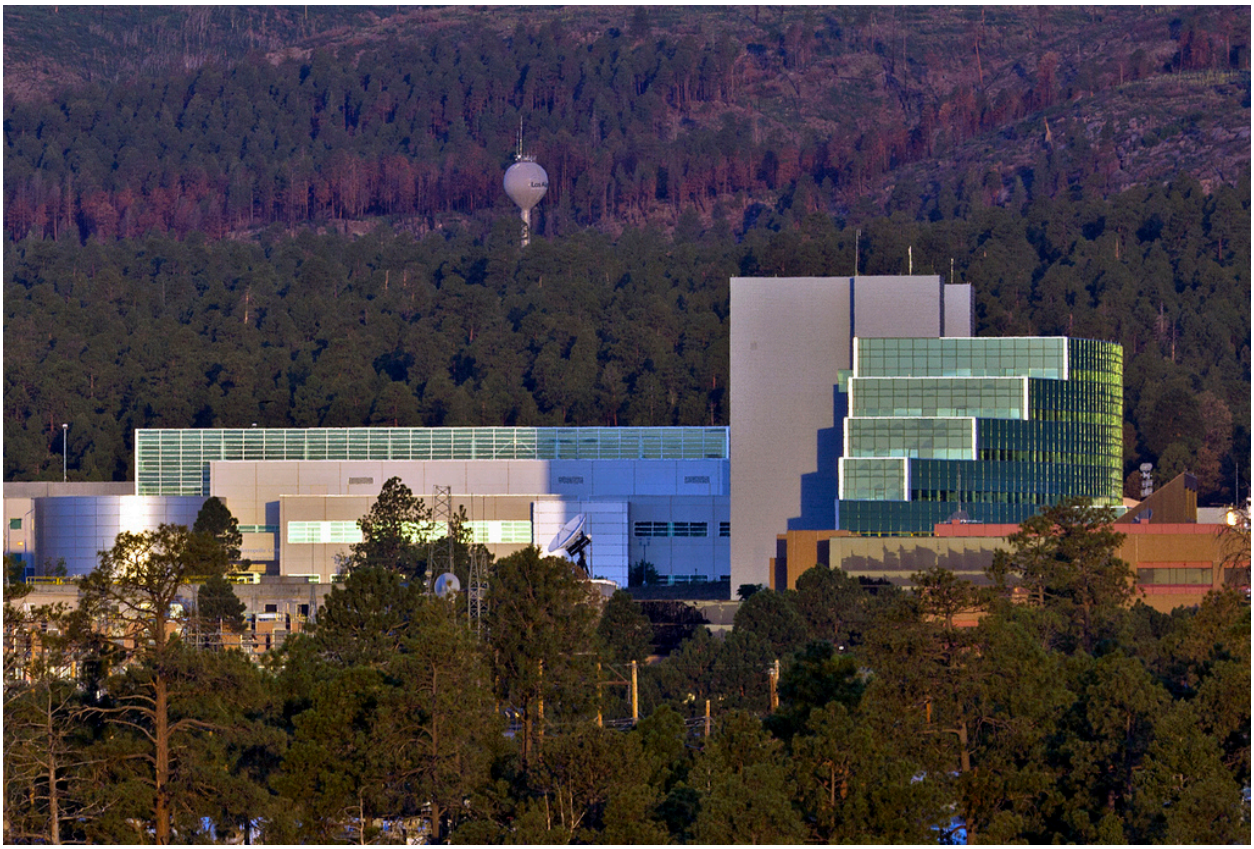

Exposes participants to scientific career possibilities, provides teachers lesson ideas

LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico, March 16, 2009—For the 30th consecutive year, middle- and high-school girls from New Mexico have the opportunity to participate in the Expanding Your Horizons conference (http://nmnwse.org/lawis/eyh/).

The conference is scheduled for April 1 at the Los Alamos campus of the University of New Mexico and is cosponsored by Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos National Security, LLC, Los Alamos Women in Science, and UNM-LA.

Scheduled activities include two workshops, a team-building activity, and several demonstrations, said Lisa Colletti of the Laboratory's Actinide Analytical Chemistry Group. The young women will participate in hands-on activities related to fields, such as astronomy, aerospace, chemistry, and earth science. The program also offers the young women a chance to meet women with successful careers in science, technology, and engineering-related fields, she said.

"Our goal is to expose young women to exciting fields in science and inspire them to consider career paths they may not have known existed before they attended Expanding Your Horizons," said Colletti.

Registration materials are available from Jutta Kayser at jkayser@lanl.gov or on the registration portion of the Expanding Your Horizons Web site. Late registration closes Friday (March 20). After that, registration is on a space-available basis.

A teacher conference runs simultaneously with Expanding Your Horizons. Conference speakers will give teachers ideas for including more math and science in school curricula and lesson plans, and for exciting ways to teach science. Information about the teacher conference is available from the Laboratory's Scott Robbins of the Education and Postdoc Office at 667-3639 or srobbins@lanl.gov by e-mail.

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