Area schools get new computers through Los Alamos National Laboratory, IBM partnership

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LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico, May 8, 2009—Thanks to a partnership between Los Alamos National Laboratory and IBM, Northern New Mexico schools are recipients of fully loaded desktop and laptop computers.

Officials from the Laboratory's Community Programs Office, the Española School Board, and elected officials including Española Mayor Joseph Maestas recently dedicated the technology center at Española Valley High School. The school has received at least 60 new, fully loaded computers. Santa Clara Day School and Pojoaque High School received 20 computers, and the Chimayó Boys and Girls Club received 15 computers from IBM.

“We’re pleased that IBM has partnered with the Laboratory and Los Alamos National Security, LLC to give a boost to Española and other school districts by providing these computers,” said Community Programs Office Director Kurt Steinhaus. “It's a win-win situation. Students have greater access to computers and computing power, and the Laboratory plays a role in helping develop potential future employees.”

IBM also recently donated 40 ThinkPad laptop computers to the Laboratory’s Math and Science Academy teacher training program.

IBM developed in partnership with Los Alamos the Roadrunner high-performance computer, now the fastest in the world.

The computer giant previously donated laptop and desktop computers to San Ildefonso and Ohkay Owingeh day schools under the auspices of the Subcontractor’s Regional and Community Development Plan, part of the prime contract between Los Alamos National Security, LLC and the Department of Energy.

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