Lab captures five Society for Technical Communication awards

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LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico, March 8, 2011—Los Alamos National Laboratory employees received five awards in the 2010 Technical Publications and Online Communication competition sponsored by the Washington, D.C. chapter of the Society for Technical Communication (STC).Laboratory entries were judged at a regional, national, and international level against organizations from Germany, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and Washington, D.C.-area public and private organizations.
One Los Alamos entry garnered a Distinguished Technical Communication award, the competition's highest award category.Reducing Global Threats through Innovative Science and Technology, a series of miniature fact sheets, rendered as a deck of playing cards, earned a Distinguished Technical Communication award. Laboratory employees Octavio Ramos, Jim Cruz, and Nancy Ambrosiano developed this product.These entries earned an Award of Excellence:Plutonium Science and Research Strategy: Kelly Parker, Meredith Coonley, Ed Lorusso.2010 Science Highlights,

Theory, Simulation, and Computation Directorate: Kathy Pallis, Sharon Mikkelson, Sue King.Awards of Merit went to:2010 Beam Instrumentation Workshop Guide: Clay Dillingham, Barbara Maes.National Security Science, publication: Kirsten Fox, Donald Montoya, Jeannie Butterworth.“The awards received by our staff show that our processes and products compare very favorably with work that is done in the corporate world,” said Chris Forbes, leader of the Communication Arts and Services group in the Information Resource Management Division. “This is why we regularly submit entries to STC competitions."With 14,000 members worldwide, the Society for Technical Communication is the largest professional organization of technical communicators and is dedicated to advancing the art and science of technical communication.
An STC award validates both peer recognition and the acknowledgment of quality that stands out among significant corporate and industrial entries.The Society’s awards, in descending order, are Award of Distinguished Technical Communication, Award of Excellence, and Award of Merit. Los Alamos winners of the Distinguished Technical Communication awards go on to the STC international competitions in May in Sacramento, California.