# For your calendar

May 1, 2013

Deadline for BizMIX Challenge Application is May 16If you have a concept for a business that could benefit Santa Fe through job creation, addresses a market gap or retains local talent, the BizMIX Challenge could provide the prizes, expertise and access to resources to help propel your proposition forward.

The 2013 Business Plan Competition is looking for those ready, willing and able to launch a new business enterprise. Ideas submitted must be original and propose a business in the idea phase. Operational businesses and nonprofit organizations are not eligible (but nonprofits will have their own opportunities through a new MIX opportunity yet to be announced—stay tuned).

Those who wish to apply will need to answer the following questions:• What's your business idea?• What problem does this solve?• How will this business benefit Santa Fe?• Why should we invest in you?

For more information and the online application, go to http://mixsantafe.com/bizmix/.

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Safety and cultural sensitivity among issues prompting trail modifications—Lab hiking paths being reworkedSince the Lab's earliest days, people have enjoyed the great outdoors within and around its property. To help preserve these opportunities, changes are underway to trails and trailheads in Technical Areas 70 and 71. Most of these changes include reroutes and signs that will direct visitors along existing paths allowing for both public recreation and responsible stewardship.

The trails in question are southwest of White Rock between Pajarito Acres and Bandelier National Monument on Lab property. Over the years, hikers and equestrians have expanded pathways encroaching on plants, animals and culturally significant areas. In addition, some areas on Lab property could include unexploded ordnance—making the use of trails in the area not only an environmental stewardship issue but one of safety as well.

It's critical that the area be used as prescribed to allow continued public access. To learn more about what the work will entail and its timing, a public meeting is scheduled for June 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room at the White Rock fire station located at 129 State Road 4.

For more information, contact Dan Pava with the Lab's Environmental Stewardship organization at dpava@lanl.gov or (505) 667-7360.