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SUBJECT: "CELEBRATING AN ERA WITH PRIDE AND HONOR"

I want to personally invite you to join me on May 20 in celebrating the University of California's 63 years of service to the nation through its management of the Laboratory and to participate in the dedication of the new National Security Sciences Building (NSSB) at Technical Area 3.

"Celebrating an Era with Pride and Honor" will take place Saturday, May 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Laboratory employees and retirees, along with their guests, are invited to join visiting dignitaries for a day of celebration, fun, and festivities. The University of California has been the Lab's sole manager for 63 years; much has been accomplished during this period for which all employees (past and present) and the nation can be extremely proud.

The highlight of the May 20 celebration will be the dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony of the new National Security Sciences Building. If you've been wondering what TA-3's latest addition looks like from the inside, you'll have a chance to find out. NSSB tours for those attending the event will be conducted following the ribbon-cutting ceremony. In addition, a commemorative piece from the Pentagon building that was attacked on September 11, 2001, will be unveiled in the NSSB courtyard. There will also be food provided by the University of California, plus exhibits and live entertainment throughout the day.

The following web-site provides details about the event: <http://int.lanl.gov/projects/nssb2006/index.shtml> and is accessible through the Lab's homepage. The site also includes a link to a pre-registration form; **please register by May 12**. The purpose of pre-registration is several-fold - it will give us an estimate of crowd size for safety and security purposes and other logistics such as food (we don't want to run out!). Furthermore, pre-registration will help to reduce long lines on May 20.

I look forward to seeing you and your guests on May 20 as we celebrate an era with pride and honor.