



# Communiqué

## Linton F. Brooks Public Service Medal

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Joseph Romero, an engineer at the Service Center in Albuquerque, is the recipient of the first Linton F. Brooks Medal for Public Service given by the National Nuclear Security Administration.



“Joe contributed greatly to developing and implementing new business system models in support of NNSA’s nuclear nonproliferation programs,” said NNSA Administrator Thomas D’Agostino.

“His drive and commitment to our important national security work is an excellent example of Ambassador Brooks’ work ethic and dedication to public service.”

The Linton F. Brooks Medal for Dedication to Public Service was established to recognize employees whose actions and deeds exemplify the spirit of public service commitment and achievement manifested during the leadership tenure of NNSA’s past Administrator, Ambassador Linton F.



Linton Brooks

Brooks. It was his exceptional patriotism, dedication, vision, and grasp of NNSA’s unique national security mission on behalf of the American people that successfully guided NNSA during five

years of organizational and mission transformation.



Romero was presented with the award at a ceremony held in the Forrestal Main Auditorium.

Romero began his career with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Forest Service in March 2004 before joining NNSA in January 2006. He has a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering from the University of New Mexico and served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps.

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# Acknowledgements



It has been more than a month since we all moved into our new digs and folks have settled in quite nicely. A couple weeks ago the front office took some time to recognize the efforts of the federal project director for the new building, Frank White.

From the time the Request for Qualifications was ad-



vertised to potential bidders in June 2007, until the final chairs arrived last week, Frank has been on top of things, and we thank him for all the hard and very good work he has done.

Below are photos of the construction through completion.



**June 07 — Breaking ground (L-R) Betty Romero, Tom Hornsby, Pam Valdez, Juan Griego, and Site Manager Dan Glenn. They represent nearly 100 years of combined LASO service.**

**October 07 — Sidewalks go down and walls go up**

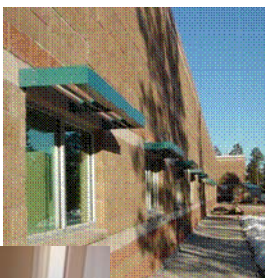


**January 08 — Construction is approximately 80%**



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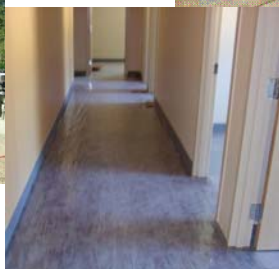
**March 08 — "We should be ready to fully occupy the new building"**



**July 08 — Construction complete**



**June 08 — Finishing touches are completed**



**around the middle of July." Frank White**







## Community Leaders Get Together

More than 150 leaders from Española, Los Alamos, Santa Fe, and other nearby communities attended the quarterly regional community leaders' breakfast, Sep. 16<sup>th</sup>, at Buffalo Thunder Resort in Pojoaque.



LASO Manager Don Winchell said that NNSA and the Lab want to be good neighbors to the Northern New Mexico Community. "As good neighbors we are inter-

ested in what happens in the community and lend a helping hand when we can," Winchell said. "And good neighbors know the importance of listening to others to get a diverse perspective on issues and concerns and then take action in partnerships."

The Laboratory's community-giving programs were highlighted with Laboratory Director Michael Anastasio recognizing outstanding Laboratory employee volunteers and retirees.

The Lab's [Employee Giving Campaign](#) continues through October 3. More



than \$166,000 has been raised in pledges and donations.

The director said the Laboratory has had a "great year" despite numerous challenges, and he feels

optimistic about next year's operating budget.

The breakfast concluded with a focused discussion

about partnering opportunities between the Laboratory and community leaders.



*Laboratory Director Michael Anastasio congratulating Steven Story of Ecology and Air Quality. Also shown are Jerry Romero of Physical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy and DeeAnn Martinez of Quality Performance.*

## Taking Shape

Phase one of the [Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Replacement](#) project at

Technical Area 55 continues to take shape as seen in this early morning photo looking west from Pecos Drive.

The Radiological Laboratory and Utility Office build-



ing includes some 20,000 net square feet of radiological laboratory space, offices to house 350 workers, facility incident command and operations centers, and centralized utilities.

Work on phase one is more than 50 percent complete and construction is

expected to be finished by September 2009.

Austin Commercial Contractors LP of Dallas is the general contractor for the project.



*Drawing of the completed Radiological Laboratory and Utility Office building*

## Seven Years After 9-11

“Seven years ago at this hour, a doomed airliner plunged from the sky, split the rock and steel of this building, and changed our world forever.....A memorial can never replace what those of you mourning a loved one have lost.... The Pentagon Memorial will stand as an everlasting tribute to 184 innocent souls who perished on these grounds.”



***One hundred eighty-four joint service troops unveiled the Pentagon Memorial, Sept. 11, 2008. The site contains 184 inscribed memorial units honoring the 59 people aboard American Airlines Flight 77 and the 125 in the building who lost their lives that day. Defense Dept. photo by U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Adam Stump***



“We all remember exactly what we were doing at the time we learned of the assaults on our fellow citizens and the American way of life.....”

Here in Washington, we no longer feel invincible as we remember vividly seeing the smoke billowing from the Pentagon, a prominent symbol of the military prowess of the United States,” said NNSA Administrator Tom D’Agostino



***The design for the Memorial for Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, Crescent of Embrace, features a chapel, tower with 40 wind chimes, 40 memorial maple groves, and a beautifully designed landscape. The Flight 93 National Memorial will be located at the 2,000-acre crash site near Shanksville.***



***Reflecting Absence, the design of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in New York City, consist of two massive pools set within the footprints of the Twin Towers- with the largest manmade waterfalls in the country cascading down their sides. An eight-acre landscaped Memorial Plaza filled***



***with more than 300 trees will create a contemplative space separate from the sights and sounds of the surrounding city.***

Veterans Committee Chair



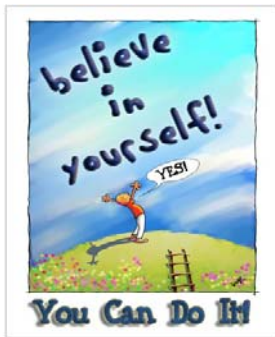
David Swingle during a ceremony at LANL said, “We have national

phrases of freedom, like ‘Remember the Alamo’ or ‘Remember Pearl Harbor.’ We have events in our history that changed our lives, like the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, his brother Robert, and Martin Luther King. What happened on September 11, 2001, was such an event and we now have another national phrase of freedom, ‘Remember 9-11.’ By remembering, we keep the memory alive.”



## Believe In Yourself, by J.E. Burke

*Believe your way to success*



Believe in yourself. It sounds so simple, doesn't it? Some people will tell you it is easy and others will say it is impossible depending on their own experiences. Yet, most of us have learned that it is necessary to believe in your abilities to achieve a particular goal.

Have you ever done something just because somebody told you to do it, but you didn't think you could get it done? I don't know what that task was for you, but I do know you didn't give it your best and it did not have a positive outcome for you. Think about that for a mo-

ment. You can probably make of list of the things you failed at because you did not believe you could do it or that you could not do it well enough.

On the other hand, you can probably think of successes in your life that were made possible because you believed in yourself and your capabilities even if no one else did.

You must learn, if you haven't already, that you can achieve whatever you

These are but a few of the building blocks for learning to believe in yourself through preparation for the task to be accomplished.

The same applies to running a successful business of any kind. You must believe in yourself



and that you are able to do whatever is needed to make it successful - for you. Not because you have to, but because you choose to prepare yourself for successes. I often say that "if you believe in yourself -



**WHO'S AWESOME?**  
Your Awesome

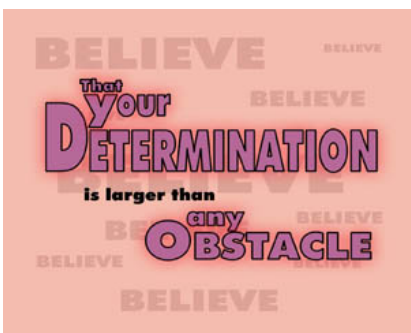
set out to do. But... (there's usually a but) you must be willing to do what is necessary to build your competence and confidence; your persistence and your patience; and your knowledge and your stamina.

you will prepare yourself"

Yes, it's true. You can believe your way to success.

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### NNSA Next Generation Safeguards Initiative

NNSA announced it is undertaking the Next Generation Safeguards Initiative which will promote the strengthening of nuclear safeguards worldwide to help ensure the safe, secure and peaceful implementation of civil nuclear energy programs.

"Effective nuclear safeguards are the most important means for ensuring states meet their international nonproliferation commitments," said NNSA Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation William Tobey.

The US is the largest contributor of safeguards technology and personnel to the International Atomic Energy Agency, the international body responsible for monitoring and verifying nuclear nonproliferation compliance around the world.

The report is available at [http://www.nnsa.energy.gov/nuclear\\_nonproliferation/documents/NGSI\\_Report.pdf](http://www.nnsa.energy.gov/nuclear_nonproliferation/documents/NGSI_Report.pdf).

## In Case You Missed It



### Science.gov

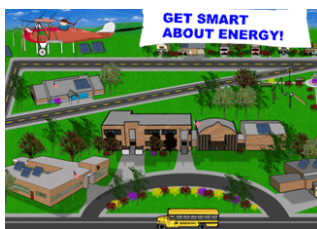
Science.gov 5.0— is up and running, allowing users to search additional collections of valuable science resources; more easily target their searches; and readily find links to information

on a variety of science topics. Science.gov is a free, integrated single-search gateway to reliable science and technology information from 17 organizations within 13 federal science agencies.

In addition to quadrupling the amount of searchable content and enhancing the search

technology, Science.gov 5.0 now provides links to related [EurekAlert! Science News](#) and Wikipedia, and provides the capability to easily download research results into personal files or citation software.

Science.gov is hosted by DOE's Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI).



### Energy Efficiency Campaign for Youth

DOE and the Advertising Council have launched a new series of public service advertisements designed to educate tweens, aged 8-12, about the importance of

energy efficiency.

The new campaign entitled "What's your Excuse?" highlights the simplicity of making energy efficient changes in the home and asks kids to join millions of others to make a difference by using their energy wisely.

The PSAs direct viewers to a new interactive website [www.loseyourexcuse.gov](http://www.loseyourexcuse.gov)

where they can learn fun, simple tips on energy efficient behaviors and new technological advances to reduce energy consumption in the home.

A second series of PSAs, including TV, online and outdoor, also developed through the Ad Council, are designed to educate 8-9 year-olds on positive energy efficient habits.



### DOE Headquarters' Solar Energy System

At a rooftop ceremony, atop the Forrestal Building, DOE Secretary Samuel Bodman energized the solar electric photovoltaic system that will generate approximately 200 megawatt hours of electricity annually, provide up to eight percent of the Forrestal complex's energy during

peak hours, and save as much as \$26,000 in utility costs in its first year of operation.

"The significance of this solar array is both practical and symbolic—it improves the way the Department consumes energy and it is a symbol of America's commitment to using the best available new technologies to confront the energy challenges we face today and will face tomorrow," said Secretary Bodman

While generating clean,

renewable, and emission-free electricity directly from the sun, the solar installation will also serve as a learning demonstration project for the public and other federal agencies.

DOE's Forrestal Building and Germantown building are the only two federally-owned and operated office buildings in Washington, D.C., to have earned the ENERGY STAR® distinction.