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SFCC Sustainable Technologies Center Receives \$100,000 from LANS

Santa Fe, NM, Sept. 7, 2010 — For the second straight year, Los Alamos National Security has invested \$100,000 in the Sustainable Technologies Center at Santa Fe Community College. The institutional agreement was signed by LANS President and Laboratory Director Michael R. Anastasio and SFCC President Sheila Ortego in August.

The aim of the partnership is to continue growing and fostering a trained local workforce for jobs in renewable energy and supporting technologies. The LANS funds support the operating costs of the STC, as well as the LANS Advanced Technology Education Endowment Fund, which will support salaries of instructors in the STC program.

The STC, which already offers classes on SFCC's main campus, currently offers degrees and certificates in biofuels, solar energy, green building and environmental technologies. The STC will find a permanent home in SFCC's forthcoming Trades and Advanced Technology Center, a, \$11.4 million, 45,000-square-foot facility devoted to work force training and education in green construction, plumbing and HVAC, electrical trades, as well as renewable energy fields, including biofuels, smart grid, solar and small wind. The new facility is scheduled for completion in Spring 2011.

President Ortego said the investment enables the college to continue grow its STC program as interest in renewable energy education continues to rise among students and the state's burgeoning renewable energy industry. "As New Mexico evolves as a leader in the green economy, Santa Fe Community College plans to move in lock step with the growing renewable energy industry movement," said Dr. Ortego. "Los Alamos National Security has shown, for the second year in a row, that it is committed to supporting the growth of green jobs in New Mexico."

About Santa Fe Community College

For more than 27 years, Santa Fe Community College has served as the gateway to success for individuals and our community. The College provides affordable, high-quality educational programs that serve the social, cultural, technological and economic needs of Santa Fe's diverse

community. More than 14,500 students are served each year in its credit, noncredit and adult basic education programs.

Offering more than 72 degrees and certificate programs, SFCC caters to the academic, career and personal-enrichment needs of local residents, businesses, government and public service organizations. More than 274 full-time and 587 part-time employees are employed by the college. For further information, visit www.sfcc.edu or call (505) 428-1000.

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