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**LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL SECURITY AWARDS CONTRACT
TO ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY SERVICES**

LIVERMORE, CA, Dec. 23, 2011 -- Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS) will continue to contract with the Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD) to provide emergency services to Lawrence Livermore National laboratory (LLNL).

Alameda County was selected for award following completion of a competitive Request For Proposal. The resulting five-year contract will provide fire, medical and hazardous material emergency services to the Laboratory main site, its experimental test site, Site 300, located on the Alameda County Tracy border, and Sandia National Laboratories, CA, which is located on property adjacent to the Laboratory main site.

“This contract allows the Laboratory and the county to continue to provide the high level of public service not only to LLNL but to surrounding communities,” said Alameda County Fire Chief Sheldon Gilbert.

The new contract will begin in July. Alameda County has provided services to Lawrence Livermore since 2007, when Laboratory management transitioned from the University of California to LLNS, a private entity.

LLNS manages Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration. LLNS is comprised of: Bechtel National, the largest project management contractor in the United States; The University of California, the world’s pre-eminent public research university; Babcock & Wilcox and URS, the top two DOE nuclear facilities contractors; and Battelle, a global leader in science and technology and technology commercialization. The team also includes Texas A&M University, which provides programs in homeland security and national security.

The ACFD is a full service fire department providing all risk response to the largest fire service response area in the county, covering more than 506 square miles of urban, suburban, San Francisco Bay and rural areas. The department is comprised of 33 fire companies and 28 stations that serve the unincorporated areas of Alameda County, the cities of San Leandro, Dublin, Newark and Union City and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.