

### Community Collaboration & Engagement

#### Random Acts of Green

Earth Week 2010 provided an opportunity for the Laboratory to spread environmental awareness to the communities in and around Los Alamos. The week's events encouraged a greater awareness of recycling and the benefits of public transportation, waste minimization, and energy conservation. Events occurring throughout the week included the "Great Garbage Grab," an Energy Town Hall meeting, the Pollution Prevention Awards Ceremony, an Atomic City Transit contest, and the Earth Day Garden.

#### Energizing the Community



The Third Annual Energy Town Hall held during the 2010 Earth Week highlighted innovative energy projects and facilitated energy-related discussions. The Laboratory presented information on various energy-related topics including server virtualization, solar energy, slow food, and influencing behavior change.

This open exchange of information

between the public and the Laboratory helped generate interest in energy conservation and bring innovative and exciting projects to the forefront. The event was catered by ARAMARK using "green" catering techniques.

#### Growing a Greener Future

The Environmental Protection, Institutional Facilities and Central Services, and Utilities and Infrastructure Divisions launched an organic vegetable garden as part of the 2010 Earth Week. The garden demonstrated the importance of locally-grown and sustainable food and



reinforced the concept of "slow food." The produce from the garden was used in dishes served at the Otowi Cafeteria. The



Student Sustainability Challenge had a related theme: "You Are What You Eat." The Challenge included a series of events designed to increase awareness of environmental issues and encourage expression of new ideas from the Laboratory's students. They learned how the environment relates to the community and took fieldtrips to see sustainability in action. The Challenge organizers tied food awareness in everyday life and within the community with research being done at the Laboratory.

