North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD)  
Resolution 2017–39

A Resolution to Support Community and Local Government and State Tax Stabilization from National Laboratories in New Mexico

WHEREAS, the NCRTD was created through legislative enactment (NMSA 1978, Section 73-25-1 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the NCRTD is a sub-division of the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the NCRTD was approved and certified by the New Mexico Department of Transportation on the 14th day of September 2004; and

WHEREAS, the NCRTD Board of Directors and Staff is concerned with legislative matters at the state and federal level which could have an impact on the operations of the District and services provided to its constituents; and

WHEREAS, National Laboratories within the State of New Mexico are important drivers of local and state economies; and,

WHEREAS, the communities and local governments surrounding these Laboratories are important to each Laboratory’s success, in that these communities and local governments not only provide essential services for the Laboratories’ operations but also provide such services for its employees and local citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the tax revenues that both Laboratories currently provide are necessary for the surrounding communities and local governments to continue to provide an environment that supports the missions of the National Labs; and,

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico is similarly reliant upon these tax revenues to perform its duties and to balance its budget; and,

WHEREAS, unlike other industries in New Mexico, there is a potential for a significant destabilization to the revenues that the State, local entities and local governments collect from the operation of the Laboratories each time the federal government considers its management contract; and,

WHEREAS, the demand for services generated by each of these federal entities, and the cost of the provision of these services, does not change when the managing entity of a National Laboratory transitions; and,

WHEREAS, the communities and local governments value their partnerships with the Laboratories, its employees, opportunities and challenges, and desire to support the Laboratories in the performance of their missions.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS HEREBY REQUESTS THAT THE 2018 LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENACT A CHANGE TO THE TAX STRUCTURE THAT REQUIRES ALL MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS OF NATIONAL LABORATORIES TO BE TAXABLE, AS THE SCALE OF SUCH ENTERPRISES PLACE A SIGNIFICANT DEMAND ON STATE AND LOCAL RESOURCES THAT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH ANY NOT-FOR-PROFIT DESIGNATION.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT ON THIS 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER 2017.

Daniel Barroso, Chairman

Approved as to form:

Peter Dwyer, Counsel