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Nevada National Security Site Executives Receive Top DOE Honors

Las Vegas, Nevada – The U.S. Department of Energy and National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) awarded the agency’s top honor, the Secretary of Energy Exceptional Service Award, to James Holt, site director for the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) and president of National Security Technologies (NSTec). The award was presented by Under Secretary for Nuclear Security and NNSA Administrator Gen. (Ret.) Frank G. Klotz. Administrator Klotz cited Holt’s “36 years of dedicated service to the U.S. nuclear weapons program culminating in his current position of president of NSTec.”

Administrator Klotz also awarded Holt and NSTec vice presidents Roy Bridges and Raffi Papazian the NNSA Administrator’s Distinguished Service Gold Award, the NNSA’s highest honor. Roy Bridges serves as the Vice President for Operations and Raffi Papazian is the Vice President for Program Integration. Klotz highlighted the “actions, expertise and exceptional service” of the three, who collectively have more than 100 years in the nuclear weapons program.

NSTec is the management and operating contractor for the Nevada National Security Site and its related facilities and laboratories. NSTec teams with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Los Alamos National Laboratory, and Sandia National Laboratories on many national security programs. NSTec also works on projects for other federal agencies to fulfill its national security missions.

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The Nevada National Security Site and its related facilities help ensure the security of the United States and its allies by: supporting the stewardship of the nation’s nuclear deterrent; providing nuclear and radiological emergency response capabilities and training; contributing to key nonproliferation and arms control initiatives; executing national-level experiments in support of the National Laboratories; working with national security customers and other federal agencies on important national security activities; and providing long-term environmental stewardship of the NNSS’s Cold War legacy. The NNSS falls under the jurisdiction of the National Nuclear Security Administration, a semi-autonomous agency within the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The Site’s operations are government-controlled and contractor-operated. They are overseen by DOE’s Nevada Field Office, headquartered in North Las Vegas.

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