Tom Harper receives cyber security award

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Chief information officer recognized

LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico, June 8, 2009— Los Alamos National Laboratory's chief information officer, Tom Harper, received the Department of Energy's highest cyber security honor.

The Charlene Douglass Memorial Award, named for a longtime Laboratory employee and supporter of the cyber security program, recognizes an individual's expertise, dedication, and significant contributions to information security. Recipients also are advocates for information security initiatives in their organizations, across DOE, and in other federal forums.

"I have been extremely fortunate to be surrounded by outstanding people who are committed to cyber security," Harper said. "I share this award with those people in the field who help protect our information technology infrastructure."

DOE Chief Information Security Officer Bill Hunteman, who won the award in 2002, said, “This award is very special, and Tom certainly exemplifies the spirit and commitment to information security, as well as the technical and managerial excellence, that are the foundations of this award.”

Harper manages an integrated risk-based information security program in compliance with federal and DOE requirements to protect the Laboratory’s electronic information assets while enabling the Laboratory missions.

Harper has more than 15 years’ experience with the National Nuclear Security Administration and DOE. He has served in various positions at Idaho and Pacific Northwest National Laboratories, as well as at DOE’s Office of Counterintelligence, where he developed a Counterintelligence cyber program and established the Inquiry Management and Analysis Capability, the precursor to the Comprehensive Protection Program.