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**Nevada Development Authority's May Breakfast Featured
National Security Technologies^{LLC} President
Dr. Stephen M. Younger**

May 23, 2008 – Nevada Development Authority's March breakfast meeting featured Dr. Stephen M. Younger, President of National Security Technologies^{LLC} (NSTec). Dr. Younger addressed NDA members, guests and media with a keynote speech entitled "The Nevada Test Site: A Proud Past, An Exciting Future."

Former director of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency with over 70 articles published to his credit, Dr. Younger now heads up NSTec which is responsible for managing and operating the Nevada Test Site which is part of the Department of Energy. Located some 60 miles northwest of Las Vegas, the 1,375 square mile site is considered a model among government facilities for its security and safety record. Founded in 1950, the first nuclear test took place at the site in 1951 and the last nuclear test took place in 1992.

"Las Vegas is about change and creating its own future," said Dr. Younger in his opening remarks. The Nevada Test Site seems to reflect these sentiments as well. While the days of underground and atmospheric nuclear tests are over for the area, the site is now dedicated to a number of research and development activities that are critical to national defense, energy and advanced technology. With an underground facility 963 feet below the surface, unique experiments and research is conducted that cannot be conducted anywhere else in the United States. The site houses a Device Assembly Facility, the JASPER cannon, the Big Explosives Experiment Facility (BEEF), and will soon be home to an Advanced Radiographics Facility, which will be in collaboration with UNLV. Another major function of the site is to train first response teams for disasters, homeland security and other critical functions of the National Security Mission.

NSTec is an incredibly important part of the Las Vegas community. Not only do they partner with local businesses and organizations, they also give back through charity and community involvement. Initiatives like helping to further the education of their employees through onsite college courses, to Race for the Cure and large monetary donations to charities and for scholarships, it is clear that NSTec and the Nevada Test Site are an important part of Nevada's past and an integral part of Nevada's future.

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