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# DOE NEWS

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## DOE TO ISSUE FINAL RFP FOR MISSION SUPPORT CONTRACT AT HANFORD

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)'s Richland Operations Office (RL) will release later today the Final Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Mission Support Contract (MSC), worth an estimated \$325 million annually (excluding fee). The Mission Support Contract will provide cost-effective infrastructure and site services integral and necessary to accomplish the Hanford Site cleanup mission.

The new approach to contracting for these services is designed to enable the MSC contractor to focus on right-sizing and improving the efficiency of site services and free up the Hanford cleanup contractors to focus on their remediation work. Ultimately, DOE anticipates the cost of services to be driven down as portions of the site are cleaned up, enabling more of the Hanford budget to be spent on cleanup.

The contract term will consist of an initial five-year period, and could be extended up to an additional five years. DOE-RL will administer the contract, and the contractor will provide services to both RL and the DOE Office of River Protection. Proposals are due on July 16, 2007.

The Final RFP includes a performance-based approach to five primary functions: Safety, Security and Environment; Site Infrastructure and Utilities; Site Business Management; Information Resources/Content Management; and Portfolio Management. Examples of scope within these areas include safeguards and security; site training services and operation of the HAMMER training facility; public safety and resource protection; administration of employee benefit plans; strategic planning and program management; information systems; records management; project acquisition and support; independent analysis and assessments; worker safety and health management; quality assurance; and a wide variety of infrastructure and business services including utilities, transportation, biological control, sewer, telecommunications, and correspondence control.

After releasing the draft RFP in November 2006, DOE held a public comment period and meaningful exchanges with potential offerors. Among the resulting changes are the addition of a "Community Commitment Clause" requiring the successful contractor to work in accordance with DOE's policy to engage regional stakeholders in issues and concerns of mutual interest and to recognize that giving back to the community is a worthwhile business practice; clarifying

mentor-protégé agreement requirements to ensure substantive small business participation; and clarifying the environmental and regulatory roles, responsibilities and interfaces between the MSC and other Hanford Site contracts.

The Final RFP contains specific requirements that provide an opportunity for small businesses to apply their expertise and experience. At least 25% of the overall contract work must be performed by small businesses.

Incumbent employees will continue to participate in the Hanford Site Pension Plan (HSPP). This “if you’re in, you’re in” approach means that incumbent employees will remain in the HSPP if they move into the MSC. New employees will be offered a market-based benefits plan.

The Final RFP will be available later today on the DOE E-Center Industry Interactive Procurement System website: [www.pr.doe.gov](http://www.pr.doe.gov). The website will be the sole distribution medium for the solicitation and related information.

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