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HANFORD ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION CONTRACT EXTENDED

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Richland Operations Office announced today that it has exercised its option to extend by two years its contract with the Hanford Environmental Health Foundation (HEHF) to provide occupational health and medical monitoring services at the Hanford Site in southeastern Washington State. The contract, which was awarded to HEHF in July 1998, will now run through September 30, 2003.

In making the decision to extend the contract two more years the Department reviewed the contractor's performance to date and the Department's needs over the next few years for occupational health and medical monitoring. "We concluded that HEHF has provided us with quality health screening and occupational health services during its tenure at Hanford," said Shirley Olinger, Assistant Manager for Safety and Engineering. "HEHF has proven over the years that they have the expertise and talents to provide quality service and I expect them to continue giving our employees the type of health monitoring and occupational health services they've grown to expect," said Olinger.

Under its contract, HEHF provides an occupational health program to assist employees and employers alike in preventing work-related illness and injury. HEHF's medical monitoring services provide occupational medicine and nursing, medical surveillance and evaluations, health education and wellness promotion along with many other programs.

HEHF has provided occupational health and medical monitoring services at Hanford since 1965. The current contract, which began on October 1, 1998, has a three-year base period with an option for two additional years. The total estimated value of the contract over the full five years is approximately \$49 million.

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