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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO HOLD PRESOLICITATION CONFERENCE ON RIVER CORRIDOR CLOSURE PROJECT CONTRACT**

The U.S. Department of Energy's Richland Operations Office (DOE-RL) is holding a presolicitation conference to gather industry and public comment on how to best structure a Request For Proposals and subsequent contract for the River Corridor Closure Project at the Hanford Site. The conference will be held in the Federal Building auditorium, Tuesday,

March 20, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., 825 Jadwin Avenue, in Richland, Washington.

DOE-RL is seeking industry and public advice on actions the Department can take to encourage proposals on the River Corridor Closure Project. The anticipated scope of work for the planned 10-year project contract includes placing seven or eight plutonium production reactors into interim safe storage and demolishing associated structures, remediating approximately 600 waste sites, and demolishing about 150 excess facilities in Hanford's 300 Area.

Interested parties may also express their views or provide information in writing to George F. Champlain, Contracting Officer, 825 Jadwin Avenue, P.O. Box 550/Mail Stop A7-80, Richland, WA 99352.

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**Historical Note:** The U.S. Department of Energy's Richland Operations Office manages the Hanford Site in southeastern Washington State. Hanford was established during World War II as part of the top secret Manhattan Project to produce plutonium for nuclear weapons. Weapons material production was halted in the late 1980s. The Hanford Site is now engaged in the world's largest cleanup effort to deal with the legacy of radioactive and hazardous wastes that resulted from the plutonium production era. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington State Department of Ecology regulate Hanford's cleanup program under a long-term compliance contract called the Tri-Party Agreement. This agreement sets the framework and timelines on the cleanup work so that Hanford meets environmental standards. Hanford cleanup is focused on three outcomes: restoring the Columbia River Corridor for other uses, transitioning the Central Plateau to long term waste treatment and storage, and preparing for the future.

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