

Westinghouse Hanford Company Awards First-of-a-Kind Contract

RICHLAND, Wash., August 2 -- The Westinghouse Hanford Company awarded its first-of-a-kind commercialization contract last month to a new private company established by current employees.

The contract to Applied Technowledgy, Inc. of Kennewick, Washington, is valued at nearly \$2.5 million over three years to provide training services to Hanford employees. The new contract is estimated to save taxpayers about \$665,000 over three years.

Westinghouse Hanford Company is the management and operations contractor for the U. S. Department of Energy's Hanford Site located in southeastern Washington.

"Privatizing some of the services performed at Hanford will enhance the community's economic diversification efforts and also reduce overhead costs of running this site", said Rich Meyer, Westinghouse's procurement and materials management director.

"This was a very competitive bid and because of the technical nature of the training needed for the site, the criteria for selecting the successful vendor included the number of displaced Hanford employees it would hire. Also the work needed to be done locally by the new vendor to help promote economic development in the area". # # #

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