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U.S. Department of Energy Issues a Request for Proposals for a Management and Operating Contractor Contract for the Yucca Mountain Project

Las Vegas, NV - The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Management and Operating (M&O) contract supporting the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management's (OCRWM) Yucca Mountain Project. The competition reflects DOE's commitment to regularly compete its M&O contracts to ensure the greatest possible benefit to DOE, its mission, and the Nation.

"We will be relying heavily on the M&O contractor as we move the Yucca Mountain Project forward into the licensing phase and beyond," said OCRWM Director Ward Sproat. DOE plans to submit its license application to construct a permanent geologic repository at Yucca Mountain in Nye County, Nevada, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) by the end of June 2008.

Key activities under this new M&O contract will include:

- providing management expertise and support for the completion of repository design;
- addressing questions or requests for additional information from NRC following the submittal of the license application and supporting the Department's activities in the subsequent NRC licensing process;
- operating the Yucca Mountain site; and
- providing construction management and integration support.

Proposals in response to this RFP are due on July 14, 2008. The RFP is available on the DOE Industry Interactive Procurement System website and on the Federal Business Opportunities website. Additionally, information can be found on the Contract Recompensation page of the OCRWM website at www.ocrwm.doe.gov.

The current M&O contract was last competed in 2000, resulting in an award in March 2001 to Bechtel SAIC, LLC, a limited liability corporation formed by Bechtel Corporation and Science Applications International Corporation. The current contract runs through March 2009.

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