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**CH2M HILL Exceeds Small Business Goals for 2009**

RICHLAND, WASH, Dec. 15, 2009 – CH2M HILL Plateau Remediation Company (CH2M HILL) is utilizing small businesses to support the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) at the Hanford Site, focusing on environmental cleanup. During the past fiscal year, more than \$366 million was awarded to small businesses, supporting the company's goal of placing more than 49 percent of total contract work with small businesses.

\$127 million of the \$366 million small business awards were funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act).

"Recovery Act funding provides CH2M HILL an opportunity to accelerate many cleanup goals at Hanford and support job creation through direct hiring employment and through subcontracts," said John Lehew, CH2M HILL President and Chief Executive Officer. "We're not only supporting DOE's vision to reduce the Hanford Site cleanup footprint, but we're putting money back into our own community."

Expecting another record-breaking year in 2010, CH2M HILL continues to effectively use its small business advocacy office to guide subcontractors through the process of doing business with the company. With several large dollar volume contracts to award in the coming months, including grout installation in Hanford's U Canyon, and well installation to support groundwater treatment projects, CH2M HILL is urging businesses to contact Jan Sullivan at (509) 376-1772, and complete a Vendor Registration form to become an eligible supplier for future needs.

While providing subcontracting opportunities to small businesses, CH2M HILL is also an official member of Mentor Protégé programs through the U.S. departments of Defense, Energy, and Homeland Security, and the Environmental Protection Agency and Small Business Association. At CH2M HILL, formal mentoring is provided to Project Services Group (PSG) in the areas of project controls and work planning. Through these long-term relationships, CH2M HILL is able to help enhance the capabilities of these small businesses and prepare them to perform larger scopes of work.

*Headquartered near Denver, Colo., employee-owned CH2M HILL is a global leader in engineering, procurement, construction, management and operations for government, civil, industrial and energy clients. With \$6.4 billion in revenue and more than 25,000 employees, CH2M HILL is an industry-leading program management, construction management and design firm, as ranked by Engineering News-Record (2009). The firm's work is concentrated in the areas of energy, water, transportation, environmental, nuclear and industrial facilities. The firm has long been recognized as a most-admired company and leading employer, including being named by FORTUNE as one of the 100 Best Companies to Work For (2009). Visit [www.ch2mhill.com](http://www.ch2mhill.com).*

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