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DOE Releases Final Request for Proposals for the Idaho Cleanup Project

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today released a Final Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Idaho Cleanup Project that will expedite safe cleanup of the Idaho site, while fully protecting the Snake River Plain Aquifer and meeting all of the environmental and regulatory requirements for safe and effective cleanup.

“Our cleanup plan marks a significant and aggressive new approach for the safe and effective cleanup at the Idaho facilities,” said Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham.

“Our plan maintains the department’s commitment to the workers at the Idaho National Lab, the citizens of the state and the environment. We expect the successful contractor to work closely with the public and the regulators to ensure the success of the cleanup project. And, I appreciate the strong leadership and the cooperation that the members of the Idaho delegation and Governor Kempthorne have provided to the department to forge this path forward.”

DOE will award a cost-plus-incentive-fee (CPIF) contract to the offeror that represents the best value to the government and demonstrates that it can meet the cleanup goals for the Idaho site. DOE anticipates award of the contract March 15, 2005, with a contract takeover date of May 1, 2005.

Contract requirements include treatment and disposal of radioactive waste; retrieval, disposal and other remediation related to buried waste; safe management of spent nuclear fuel; and disposition of nuclear materials, disposition of reactor and non-reactor nuclear facilities, and environmental remediation activities currently funded through DOE’s Office of Environmental Management. The contract is intended to meet the 2012 vision developed by the site and represents an acceleration of work over the original cleanup that extended until 2070. The schedule for this workscope will also comply with or exceed all existing regulatory and environmental commitment milestones.

The success of the ICP contract will be enhanced through partnerships with small businesses. As such, part of the department’s evaluation of proposals will include how the bidders incorporate small businesses into their business approach.

Proposals are due to DOE by 3:00 p.m., Mountain Time, on September 20, 2004. A second round of facility tours will be offered the week of July 26, 2004. Please see the solicitation web site for additional details regarding sign-up for the site tours.

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The RFP, No. DE-RP07-03ID14516, may be found at the solicitation web site, www.id.doe.gov. In order to further the government's policy of maximizing electronic commerce and making the acquisition process optimally cost effective, electronic media will be used exclusively for postings relating to this solicitation. The solicitation and any amendments will be posted on the ICP web page. Offerors and all other interested parties should monitor this web page to remain abreast of the latest available information.

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