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DOE SEEKS CONTRACTOR TO DISPOSITION WASTE AT THE ADVANCED MIXED WASTE TREATMENT PROJECT (AMWTP)

**Idaho Falls --** The U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, in coordination with the Office of Environmental Management today released a Final "Request for Proposal" to obtain a contractor to perform waste processing at the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project at the Department's Idaho Site near Idaho Falls, Idaho. The contract performance period is anticipated to be six years under a Cost-Plus-Award-Fee contract with performance-based incentives.

The selected contractor will be responsible for performing waste processing on and disposal of the transuranic waste and mixed low-level waste at the Idaho Site's Transuranic Storage Area (TSA). This is primarily to ensure compliance with the 1995 Idaho Settlement Agreement and the Idaho Site Treatment Plan regarding treating the waste and removing it from the state of Idaho. The contractor selected will be responsible for performing the work necessary to retrieve, characterize, treat (as necessary), package, and otherwise process and dispose of the estimated total of 33,600m<sup>3</sup> of waste at the AMWTP. The end objective is to disposition all of the waste at an appropriate disposal facility.

The waste includes DOE laboratory and processing wastes from the now closed Rocky Flats in Colorado, and various DOE facilities. The waste is stored in drums, boxes, and bins at the Idaho Site's TSA. The wastes may consist of mixtures of various solid materials, including paper, cloth, plastic, rubber, glass, graphite, bricks, concrete, metals, nitrate salts, process sludge, miscellaneous components, and some absorbed liquids. The majority of the AMWTP waste contains both Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) constituents and radioactive constituents and is therefore mixed transuranic and mixed low-level waste.

The solicitation will be for full and open competition. This solicitation contemplates significant small business participation, recommending 46.4% of the overall procurement dollars go to small business. The anticipated period of performance is six years from October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2015. The RFP and supporting information will be available on the *DOE e-Center* web page at <a href="https://e-center.doe.gov/">https://e-center.doe.gov/</a>.

For additional information on the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management and the Idaho site, visit http://www.em.doe.gov or http://www.id.doe.gov.