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**DOE Awards Contract for the
Construction of Accelerated Retrieval Project (ARP) IX**

Cincinnati – The Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Environmental Management today awarded a contract to North Wind Services, LLC, Idaho Falls, Idaho, an American Native/Alaskan Native Owned Corporation as a non-competitive United States Small Business Administration 8(a) Business Development Program set-aside. The contract supports the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) Site’s Accelerated Retrieval Project (ARP) and is for construction of the ARP IX facility and ancillary structures over Pit 10 East in the Subsurface Disposal Area (SDA) of the Radioactive Waste Management Complex (RWMC) located at the INL Site, Idaho Falls, Idaho. The firm-fixed-price construction letter contract is estimated at \$1.7 million. The contract period will be one year from contract award.

The construction of the ARP IX facility is part of an overall environmental remediation of the radioactive and hazardous waste buried at the SDA and is in response to the selected remedy in the Operable Unit 7-13/14 Record of Decision. The ARP IX exhumation footprint is 0.69 acres. The building constructed under this contract will function as a weather protection enclosure for a target waste retrieval process in the SDA at RWMC. It also provides for canopies and passageways to two adjacent retrieval facilities of similar construction. This is the ninth and final retrieval enclosure to be constructed at the SDA in support of the ARP targeted waste exhumations.

The mission of the DOE Environmental Management program is the safe cleanup of the environmental legacy resulting from five decades of nuclear weapons development and Government-sponsored nuclear energy research.

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