D19. MANAGEMENT CONTRACT RFP ELICITS THREE PROPOSALS

Three companies have submitted proposals to the Department of Energy's Richland Operations office in response to a Request for Proposal (RFP) issued in early January for the Project Hanford Management Contract (PHMC). Proposals were received by three private companies.

The PHMC, with an estimated value of $4.6 million over its initial five-year period and operations for an additional five years, will be awarded based on "best in class" past performance and innovative management approaches to obtain project management capabilities that match those of the best private-sector companies.

Prior to award of the contract, the DOE will select a limited number of performance measures to provide an incentive for those results having a positive impact on progress toward cleanup. Incentives will focus on those performance measures that result in cost savings or reduce maintenance costs, expedite completion of critical milestones, or reduce risk. The RFP issued for the PHMC represents the first DOE solicitation for a major site contractor to include DOE-specified performance objectives and measures. DOE still anticipates that a contractor will be named in June.