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Mr. Herb Bohrer, Chairman
Idaho National Laboratory Site Environmental Management
Citizens Advisory Board
1425 Higham Street
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Subject: Contracting Strategy for the Environmental Management Activities at Idaho National Laboratory

Dear Mr. Bohrer:

Thank you for your August 7, 2014 letter regarding the contracting strategy for the Idaho Cleanup Project (ICP) activities at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL). Planning and execution of the procurement activities for awarding the four contracts contemplated to replace the current ICP and Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project contracts is being carried out jointly by the INL and the Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center (EMCBC). This teaming approach brings together the extensive Federal contracting experience of the EMCBC and the site background and cleanup experience of INL personnel. The team has the benefit of the lessons learned from procurement actions across the Department of Energy (DOE) complex, including experience with the transitions of contracts at INL. Also, the ICP contracting strategy was developed taking into consideration the comments received from over thirty companies which participated in the ICP Industry Day in December 2013.

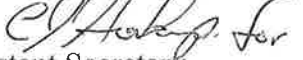
In response to areas of specific concerns expressed in your letter, please see the following:

1. The Statements of Work of each of the four anticipated contracts will identify areas which require interfacing with other ICP contractors. An Interface Agreement will be a requirement of each contract and will clearly specify roles and responsibilities to ensure safe execution of work.
2. The ICP Core Contract contractor will have overall responsibility for site-wide Environmental, Safety and Health (ES&H) services. Facility-specific ES&H compliance will be the responsibility of the contractor which is managing that particular facility. This approach will eliminate any duplication of effort in the ES&H area. The Interface Agreements and contract provisions will also clearly delineate ES&H responsibilities and requirements.
3. DOE is appreciative of its contractor's experienced and dedicated workforce and understands that changing of contracts can be a stressful period for workers. DOE will incorporate the lessons learned from previous contract transitions at INL and other sites across the DOE complex to prepare for and execute this change of contractor with the objective of causing as little uncertainty for the workforce as possible.



Thank you for your continued interest in the safety and productivity of INL contractors. If you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Melissa D. Rider at melissa.rider@em.doe.gov or telephone (202) 586-5821.

Sincerely,

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