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Fluor Idaho Enriches Small Businesses Through Purchases of Goods, Services

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho – Fluor Idaho, LLC, which manages cleanup operations for the DOE's Idaho National Laboratory Site, exceeded its overall small business goals by 12 percent for the recently completed fiscal year, contributing more than \$69 million to local and regional businesses for goods and services.

"Since Fluor Idaho was awarded the cleanup contract in 2016, we've made it clear that purchasing goods and services from small businesses is a key business strategy for the company," said Fluor Idaho Small Business Liaison Jennifer Lloyd. "Small businesses are a pleasure to work with and provide a level of customer service that is unmatched."

During the fiscal year, Fluor Idaho did business with women-owned, veteran-owned, small disadvantaged, service-disabled veteran-owned, and HUB-zone businesses predominantly throughout Idaho and the western region of the U.S. A HUB-zone, or Historically Underutilized Business, is a company located in a rural or urban community, which is given preferential access to federal contracts.

Products such as food, bottled water, fuel, clothing and ice melt were regularly purchased by Fluor Idaho during the fiscal year. Services such as engineering, radiological protection, safety, computer support, photography and technical writing/editing were also provided by small businesses.

"For the fiscal year, we greatly increased our purchasing of goods and services from small disadvantaged and women-owned businesses," said Lloyd.

A small disadvantaged business must be (1) 51% or more owned and control by one or more disadvantaged persons, (2) the disadvantaged person or persons must be socially disadvantaged and economically disadvantaged, and (3) the firm must be small.

Fluor Idaho also has implemented a mentor-protégé agreement with one small company – HukariAscendent, Inc. – to provide, among others, planning, nuclear safety and engineering specialists in support of the Idaho Cleanup Project Core contract. A mentor company, in this case Fluor Idaho, provides both onsite work experience for employees of the protégé company and business development expertise to enhance that small company's ability to bid on future federal contracts. Two additional mentor-protégé agreements are in process.

Fluor Idaho, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Fluor Corporation with subcontractor partners CH2M, North Wind Inc., Portage, and Waste Control Specialists. Fluor Idaho manages the Idaho Cleanup Project Core contract at the Department of Energy's Idaho National Laboratory Site located 45 miles west of Idaho Falls. The 5-year, \$1.4 billion project, funded through the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management, focuses on safely remediating the Idaho National Laboratory site including dispositioning transuranic waste, managing spent nuclear fuel, and treating high-level radioactive waste.

For more information visit the Idaho Cleanup Project on the Web at <https://fluor-idaho.com>