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Fluor Idaho Enters into Mentor-Protégé Agreement with Small Business

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho – Fluor Idaho, cleanup contractor at the Department of Energy’s Idaho National Laboratory (INL) Site, has signed a Mentor-Protégé Agreement with an Idaho Falls-based business that provides design engineering services.

Walsh Engineering Services (the Protégé) will provide Fluor Idaho (the Mentor) with civil, structural, mechanical and electrical engineering expertise. In turn, Walsh Engineering will work with Fluor Idaho to become more proficient in project management and scheduling.

Mark Pope, owner and president of Walsh Engineering Services, said he is enthusiastic about the agreement because it allows his firm to keep core staff employed as well as strengthen his company’s ability to bid on future federal contracts.

“This agreement is a win-win,” he said. “Fluor Idaho has access to our 123 technical professionals, many of whom have extensive experience at Idaho Cleanup Project facilities and processes. Walsh has an opportunity to gain valuable information and training from Fluor Idaho’s project management and scheduling systems and personnel who have an outstanding reputation in the Department of Energy Complex.”

In addition to engineering, Walsh Engineering Services employs draftsmen, architects and project managers with experience at Los Alamos, Oak Ridge, Savannah River, and the Hanford site. Pope, who purchased the engineering firm less than two years ago, worked as a design engineer at the INL for 20 years.

“Since winning the cleanup contract in 2016, Fluor Idaho has been a huge advocate of utilizing small businesses to fulfill our contractual requirements,” said Fluor Idaho Small Business Liaison Jennifer Lloyd. “This Department of Energy program creates a unique partnership between us and the small business that provides the technical services that we desire. Everyone wins.”

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>

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