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WRPS AWARDS SUBCONTRACT FOR TANK FARM CONSTRUCTION, PREPARING WASTE FOR VITRIFICATION

RICHLAND, Wash. – U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) contractor Washington River Protection Solutions (WRPS) has awarded a subcontract worth up to \$24.5 million over the next 12 months to American Electric, Inc. to provide general electrical construction services at the Hanford tank farms located in southeastern Washington state.

The services will be performed at the 18 tank farms and will cover a wide range of tasks, including trenching, laying conduit, pulling wire, erecting structural steel, installing equipment and pouring concrete.

American Electric, Inc. is a local Small Disadvantaged Business. Owner Joe Gonzales said, "It's an honor to be awarded this contract and a privilege to work with WRPS, which contributes so much to our community and families."

Since its contract with DOE began in 2008, nearly 65% of WRPS' subcontracts have gone to small businesses, exceeding the company's overall small business subcontracting goal of 58%.

"WRPS is proud to be a part of the Tri-Cities community, and small businesses are vital to the important cleanup work we do," said John Eschenberg, WRPS president and chief executive officer. "WRPS depends on these subcontractors to provide the skilled workers needed to help us achieve our mission of safely managing Hanford's tank waste and building the waste treatment and delivery system to support the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant."

About WRPS

WRPS, owned by AECOM and Atkins, with integrated subcontractor Orano, is a prime contractor to the DOE Office of River Protection. WRPS is responsible for the safe and efficient management of radioactive and hazardous waste stored in Hanford's underground tanks, and for preparing to deliver the waste to the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant for vitrification.