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DOE Awards Technical Assistance Contract to Support Carlsbad Field Office

CARLSBAD, N.M., August 11, 2005 – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office announced today that Navarro Research and Engineering, Inc. has been awarded a five-year contract to provide specialized environmental technical support services to the Carlsbad Field Office, located in Carlsbad, New Mexico. The contract, effective August 11, 2005, will run through August 10, 2010 and is valued at approximately \$29 million over the five-year period. The full period of performance will begin on November 14, 2005.

Navarro Research and Engineering, Inc. will provide technical assistance to the Carlsbad Field Office in monitoring management and operations of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, located near Carlsbad. Navarro Research and Engineering, Inc. also will provide technical support in the areas of quality assurance, safety and site operations, environmental compliance, and general administrative support of these activities.

“We are very pleased to award this important contract to Navarro Research and Engineering, Inc.,” said Lloyd Piper, Deputy Manager of the Carlsbad Field Office. “Their technical assistance service is essential to maintaining an effective oversight program for the

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DOE's national transuranic waste cleanup initiative. Navarro Research and Engineering, Inc. has significant experience, a highly qualified staff, and a sustained track record of excellent performance."

Based in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Navarro Research and Engineering, Inc. is a Small Business Administration 8(a)-certified, woman-owned business that specializes in providing technical, safety, quality, environmental and oversight support services to the DOE. The company currently holds 14 technical and oversight support services contracts at 10 DOE offices nationwide.

The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant is the world's first underground repository certified to safely and permanently dispose of transuranic radioactive waste left from the research and production of nuclear weapons and is a cornerstone of the DOE's environmental cleanup program.