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DOE Seeks Technical Assistance Contractor at New Mexico Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

Cincinnati -- The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a Request for Quotation (RFQ) today for a technical assistance contract to the Carlsbad Field Office and the Waste Isolation Pilot Project (WIPP) in Carlsbad, NM. This acquisition is under a General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Supply Schedule. The Department intends to award a single task order with a three-year performance period with options that can extend up to five years. The estimated value of the task order is \$35 million.

The successful contractor will provide a range of services that include:

- Quality assurance support
- Safety oversight support
- Environmental and regulatory services support
- National TRU Program technical support
- Performance demonstration program management
- Science and international program support
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Support
- Operations oversight support
- Perform assessments nationwide which are involved with TRU waste.

The WIPP site is a deep geologic repository mined in salt and is the final disposal destination for 6.2 million cubic feet of stored and newly generated TRU waste from generator sites around the country. WIPP's mission is to safely characterize, transport, and dispose of radioactive waste resulting from defense activities. The CBFO is responsible for ensuring safe and efficient characterization and certification of TRU waste at DOE sites; transportation activities associated with TRU waste; and management and operations at WIPP in accordance with applicable QA, safety, nuclear safety, health, security, DOE orders, environmental standards, laws, and regulations.

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