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## **DOE Awards Contract for WIPP Mobile Loading Unit Services**

**Cincinnati, Ohio, August 27, 2012** – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today awarded a competitive small business contract to Celeritex, LLC, (a Joint Venture between Project Services Group, LLC and DeNuke Contracting Services Inc.) of Suwanee, Georgia. The contract is to provide Mobile Loading Unit services in support of the National TRU Program and the DOE Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in New Mexico. The contract has a value of up to \$17.8 million, with a three-year performance period and two-one year extension options. This contract was limited to Small Businesses.

The Mobile Loading Unit contractor will load Contact Handled (CH) and Remote Handled (RH) Transuranic (TRU) waste containers into Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approved packaging at various DOE and defense-related waste generator sites around the country for transportation and disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) near Carlsbad, New Mexico.

There will be a 15-day transition period with Celeritex, LLC assuming responsibility for mobile loading services on November 1, 2012.

The DOE WIPP facility is designed to safely isolate defense-generated TRU waste from people and the environment. Waste temporarily stored at sites around the country is shipped to WIPP and permanently disposed in rooms mined out of an ancient salt formation 2,150 feet below the surface. WIPP began waste disposal operations in 1999. The facility is located 26 miles outside of Carlsbad, N.M.