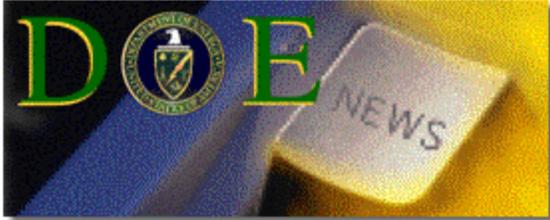


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Pacific Northwest National Laboratory Receives Another "Outstanding" Rating

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Richland Operations Office (RL) has officially awarded Battelle a rating of "Outstanding" for its operation of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) during fiscal year (FY) 2001. This is Battelle's fourth straight outstanding rating and results in Battelle receiving \$7 million in performance-based fee. Battelle's consistently high ratings formed the basis for the Department's decision, announced by Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham on Nov. 7, to negotiate the details of a five-year extension to its contract.

"Over the years PNNL has proven its ability to tackle problems of national and global significance with vigor," said RL Manager Keith A. Klein. "Not only is Battelle an asset to Hanford but they're contributing positively to our country's emerging national security needs. I count on the Laboratory to be a major part of our missions at Hanford today and a linchpin of our vision for the future."

RL's Associate Manager for Science and Technology Paul Kruger said, "The high quality of scientific and technological work performed at PNNL is gaining more national and international recognition. At the same time the Laboratory is creating academic and industry relationships benefiting the Pacific Northwest and is a well-respected contributor to the socio-economic health of the Tri-Cities and the mid-Columbia region."

As in the past five years, DOE evaluated Battelle's performance based on several "critical outcomes" that were developed cooperatively by DOE and the Laboratory, and DOE determined that PNNL's overall performance within those outcomes was outstanding. The outcomes include:

Scientific and Technological Excellence. The principal DOE customers served by the Laboratory touted the high quality, externally recognized, scientific research and development programs managed by Battelle. Seven DOE-Headquarters Office rated Battelle's overall performance as Outstanding. RL's review also noted the continued success of the Biomolecular Networks, Computational Sciences, and Nanoscience and Technology initiatives. Battelle continues to create and maintain strategic academic partnerships that strengthen the scientific capabilities of the Laboratory and have continued to have a significant impact on science, mathematics, and technology education.

Operational Excellence. Battelle continued to operate the Laboratory facilities with distinction, supportive of and integrated with the Laboratory's science and technology mission, and protective of workers, the public, and the environment throughout FY 2001. Each of the indicators measuring the Contractor's Integrated Safety Management met or exceeded targets established for FY 2001. Battelle has shown exceptional progress in improving cost performance within the Laboratory and overall has continued to meet or exceed expectations within the business functional areas.

Leadership and Management. The Leadership Critical Outcome measured the Contractor's leadership and regional partnerships that enables the Laboratory to become recognized as an enduring local, regional, and national asset. The eight companies in which the Laboratory had a role in establishing or expanding in FY2001 brought the total to 50 meeting the goal committed to by Battelle at the beginning of the current five-year contract. RL is very pleased with Battelle's efforts throughout the community in which they work and with the innovative approaches and initiatives sought out by Battelle as they continue to support the community's economic development activities. The Contractor's performance in attracting, developing and retaining the critical staff necessary to achieve the mission of the Laboratory has been outstanding throughout FY 2001.

Battelle has operated PNNL for DOE since 1965.

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