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CH2M HILL Graduates Protégé Company on Department of Energy Project

Participation in Program Yields Substantial Sales Growth for Small Business

RICHLAND, Wash. – CH2M HILL Plateau Remediation Company (CH2M HILL), a federal prime contractor doing environmental remediation work at the Department of Energy's (DOE) Hanford Site in Washington state, recently graduated Project Services Group (PSG), LLC, from the DOE's Mentor-Protégé Program.

During the first five years of its cleanup contract supporting DOE, CH2M HILL mentored PSG, a small disadvantaged, 8(a) certified small business that provided planning, scheduling, estimating, project controls and work planning services. CH2M HILL also mentored PSG in business development and provided guidance, technical and senior management support.

"The Department of Energy is pleased that the Mentor-Protégé Program helped both CH2M HILL and PSG as they partnered with the government on the important mission of cleaning up the Hanford Site," said Greg Jones, Assistant Manager for Business and Financial Operations for DOE at the Department's Hanford Site.

According to energy.gov, approximately 85 percent of DOE's procurement dollars are obligated to Facility Management Contractors such as CH2M HILL. DOE and the Small Business Administration established the Mentor-Protégé Program to encourage federal prime contractors to support small disadvantaged, minority, veteran and women-owned businesses.

"CH2M HILL appreciates the commitment and dedication made by Project Services Group," said John Fulton, CH2M HILL president and chief executive officer, during a ceremony held in the company's Richland, Wash. offices. "Partnering with small businesses such as PSG helps us successfully execute our mission while enabling us to continue to meet or exceed our subcontracting goals at Hanford."

CH2M HILL's contract with DOE requires small businesses to perform at least 17 percent of the total 10-year contract price. Since receiving the contract in 2008, CH2M HILL awarded more than $1 billion in contracts to small businesses, representing 28 percent of the contract price to date.

Since PSG's involvement with CH2M HILL began in 2007, the small company's sales increase surpassed the 15 percent goal set in the Mentor-Protégé Agreement with CH2M HILL.

“Participating in this program has been a great opportunity for PSG,” said Greg S. White, PSG president. “We’ve matured as a business and are now bidding on work as a lead. We’ve also expanded our customer base and reputation to secure larger companies like CH2M HILL to bid in support roles.”

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The Department of Energy’s Richland Operations Office is responsible for several major cleanup projects on the Hanford Site, including cleanout and demolition of the high-hazard Plutonium Finishing Plant, demolition of excess facilities, excavation of contaminated soil and solid waste, and treatment of contaminated groundwater, as well as Hanford Site infrastructure. The office oversees approximately $1 billion in annual funding for Hanford Site work that is conducted by a federal and contractor workforce of approximately 4,300 personnel. Visit www.hanford.gov.

Headquartered near Denver, Colo., employee-owned CH2M HILL is a global leader in consulting, design, design-build, operations and program management for government, civil, industrial and energy clients. The firm’s work is concentrated in the areas of environment, energy, facilities, transportation and water. With $6.6 billion in revenue and over 26,000 employees, CH2M HILL is an industry-leading environmental, program management and design firm, as ranked by Engineering News-Record and named a leader in sustainability consulting by Verdantix. Visit ch2mhill.com.

Project Services Group, LLC (PSG) was founded in 2003 to meet the ever-increasing demand for specialized professional services in the private and public sector. PSG provides professional consulting, technical consulting and staff support services to the architecture/engineering, environmental and construction industries for government and commercial projects - both domestic and international. PSG is a Certified 8(a)/Small Disadvantaged Business participant in the U.S. Small Business Administration's Business Development Program. Awarded in August 2006, this certification provides business development opportunities within the federal government. Visit http://www.psginfo.com/.