

# IRM contract to remain with Hanford firms

The Department of Energy Richland Operations Office has decided to keep the information resource management workscope within the Fluor Hanford contract rather than opening it up to competition for a separate DOE prime contract.

To reach this decision, DOE-RL established a source evaluation board in March to see if the current IRM services and contract structure were right for Hanford. The board completed a market research study and analysis of the alternatives before making its recommendation.

Through subcontracts with Lockheed Martin Services and Qwest, Fluor Hanford currently provides IRM services to Hanford Site tenants as part of its site services workscope. Although DOE-RL was generally satisfied with the status quo, it was interested in reducing the cost of standard services for desktop computers and telephones, and it wanted state-of-the-art information technologies.

Other DOE objectives for the IRM services contractor were to minimize the government's future capital investment for IT resources, provide IRM services at fixed prices where feasible, minimize the use of cost-reimbursement contracts and task order agreements, reduce the infrastructure "mortgage" and improve planning, partnering with customers and suppliers, productivity, and site-wide integration of IRM requirements and systems.

"We analyzed ways to reduce overall information technology costs at Hanford, including getting input from the technology industry experts," said Bob Rosselli, DOE-RL assistant manager for Business Systems. "In the end we found that keeping the existing contractual structure in place was prudent. Lockheed Martin Services, Inc. and Qwest have provided excellent service to Hanford and we look forward to that continuing."

LMSI operates the Hanford Site local area network and provides PC desktop support, help-desk operations, software development, computer systems operations, radio and pager service and cellular phones. Qwest provides site telephone services.

The current LMSI contract term expires on Sept. 30, but the contract allows Fluor to exercise up to a five-year option with an estimated value of \$300-400 million. DOE-RL has tentatively approved a five-year extension to the LMSI subcontract, contingent upon FH and LMSI reaching agreement on price and contract terms.

The Qwest subcontract expires Dec. 31, and the estimated value of a three-year extension, which DOE-RL has approved, is \$9.5 million. ♦