

DOE extends HEHF contract for three months

The Department of Energy Richland Operations Office has extended the Hanford Environmental Health Foundation's contract to provide occupational medical service to the Hanford Site another three months, through the end of December. The extension will allow DOE more time to review the proposals submitted by organizations proposing to provide occupational medical service to the Hanford Site under a new three-year contract, with extensions up to 10 years.

DOE hopes to complete the selection process by the end of September, after reviewing the final proposal revisions submitted by the contract candidates. These revisions, in the form of answers to DOE questions specific to each proposal, are due on Sept. 2.

DOE-RL will select the winner of the contract and DOE Headquarters in Washington, D.C., will approve the choice. DOE hopes to award the contract in October.

Occupational medical services covered in the contract include medical surveillance, diagnosis and treatment of injury and disease, emergency preparedness, and counseling and health promotion for workers. Managing the health issues from past exposures to hazardous materials such as beryllium and asbestos is expected to increase the testing and oversight work compared to the current contract. ■