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DOE Honors Classified Material Expert with Excellence Award

RICHLAND, Wash. – The Department of Energy recently bestowed the prestigious 2021 Classification Award of Excellence to an employee of contractor Hanford Mission Integration Solutions (HMIS) for his outstanding contributions to the Department’s classification program.

Hanford classification officer and HMIS information security manager LaMont Schofield led two high-impact projects that will result in a large reduction of classified documents, improved processes and quality control, and cost savings for the Hanford Site.

“Mr. Schofield earned this award through his significant contributions to the Department of Energy classification program at the local and national levels,” Matthew B. Moury, DOE Associate Under Secretary for Environment, Health, Safety and Security, said in a letter to HMIS. “His professionalism has enabled him to maintain the respect of his peers within the classification community.”

The first project Schofield led reduced the number of active hard-copy classified documents by more than half, converting most material to digital format. Having fewer hard-copy documents in existence lowers the risk of potential security concerns related to handling sensitive material, while increasing the efficiency and ability to control distribution.

In selecting Schofield for this award, DOE noted his oversight role in the Hanford projects and the “tremendous savings of both time and money” that resulted from his efforts.

“This recognizes LaMont’s leadership in combining deep understanding of our classification program goals with an innovative approach to make a significant difference,” said David Chase, vice president of HMIS safeguards, security, and emergency services.

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DOE recognized Hanford Mission Integration Solutions classification officer LaMont Schofield for his leadership and contributions to projects that reduced the number of hard-copy classified documents and storage necessary on the Hanford Site. Schofield received DOE’s prestigious 2021 Classification Award of Excellence.

The Department of Energy (DOE) is engaged in one of the great public works of this century at the Hanford Site near Richland, Washington. Responsible for the federal government’s cleanup of the legacy of more than 40 years of producing plutonium through the 1980s, DOE is transforming the site back into a 24/7 operations mode to treat tank waste from the production era. The DOE Office of River Protection (ORP) is responsible for the safe and efficient retrieval, treatment and disposal of the 56 million gallons of chemical and radioactive waste stored in Hanford’s 177 underground tanks. The mission includes building and commissioning the world’s largest radioactive waste treatment plant, which will immobilize the legacy tank waste through vitrification. The DOE Richland Operations Office is responsible for all remaining Hanford cleanup and is currently focused on stabilizing and demolishing former plutonium production structures, excavating and disposing of contaminated soil and waste, treating contaminated groundwater, and configuring Hanford Site infrastructure for the future, with an emphasis on supporting the tank waste mission. Hanford Site work is conducted by a federal and contractor workforce of approximately 11,000 personnel. Visit www.hanford.gov for more information about the Hanford Site.

About HMIS

Hanford Mission Integration Solutions is a team of [Leidos](#) and [Centerra Group](#), and [Parsons](#). HMIS provides Hanford Site services including, security and emergency services, land management services, and information technology services; management of the Hazardous Material and Emergency Response (HAMMER) Federal Training Center; maintaining vital infrastructure; and performing infrastructure upgrades (e.g., electric, water, roads), as well as building future infrastructure to support operation of the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant.



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