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Hanford Site Contractors Recognized as Leaders in the Purchase of Sustainable Electronics

RICHLAND, Wash. – For the third year in a row, the Green Electronics Council and managers of the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) recognized Hanford Site contractors for their efforts to protect the environment by using sustainable electronics. The contractors, which include CH2M HILL Plateau Remediation Company, HPMC Occupational Medical Services, Mission Support Alliance (MSA), Washington River Protection Solutions, and Wastren Advantage, were among 59 worldwide winners to receive an award from the council and EPEAT.

EPEAT is a ranking system that helps companies compare and select office equipment that helps reduce environmental impacts. Ranking criteria include greenhouse gas emissions, hazardous waste production, and total energy usage. Award winners earn a star for each product category in which they purchase EPEAT-registered products. Hanford contractors earned five stars this year, a jump from last year's three-star award, for purchasing sustainable office and computer equipment.

"One of our goals is to ensure we are making choices that reduce the impact on the environment," said Jeff Frey, Department of Energy (DOE) Richland Operations Office assistant manager for mission support. "We are pleased to be recognized for our efforts, and we will continue to find ways to use products that are environmentally friendly, energy efficient and reduce costs."

In 2018, over 95 percent of the electronics purchased by Hanford contractors met the EPEAT standard and were environmentally friendly. These purchases resulted in the following benefits:

- An estimated 377-metric-ton reduction in the use of primary materials, including oil, iron and wood.
- The elimination of 3.3 metric tons of hazardous waste.
- The elimination of 20 metric tons of solid waste.
- A savings of more than 1.4 million kilowatt hours of electricity – enough to power 116 average-sized homes for a year.

"This award is testament to the Hanford contractors' partnership, working together under DOE's leadership to develop processes and programs that protect the environment," said Todd Eckman, MSA vice president for information management.

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The Department of Energy (DOE) is responsible for the federal government's cleanup of the legacy of more than 40 years of plutonium production at the Hanford Site near Richland, Wash. 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 River Protection Project is the largest and most complex environmental remediation project in the nation. ORP oversees the tank waste management mission and the building of 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 demolishing the high-hazard Plutonium Finishing Plant, excavating and disposing of contaminated soil and waste, treating contaminated groundwater, moving radioactive sludge out of the K West Basin and away from the Columbia River, and configuring Hanford Site infrastructure for the future, with an emphasis on supporting the tank waste mission. The two offices oversee Hanford Site work that is conducted by a federal and contractor workforce of approximately 9,000 personnel. Visit www.hanford.gov for more information about Hanford Site.



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