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Hanford Site Energy Efficiency and Incentives Skyrocket

RICHLAND, Wash. - Contractors at the Hanford Site are expected to earn more than $1.1 million in government incentives for saving energy over the past four years, thanks to a collaborative effort led by contractor Mission Support Alliance (MSA).

The incentives are offered through a Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) energy efficiency program. As the site integrator, MSA works with Hanford contractors to identify qualifying projects and administer submittals to the BPA.

During Hanford’s first four years of participation in the program, from 2012 through 2015, the total energy savings were approximately 100,000 kilowatt hours, and contractors received more than $32,000 in incentives.

During the four-year period that ends this year, Hanford contractors are expected to save approximately 4.25 million kilowatt hours and earn incentives that exceed $1.1 million. The money from the energy incentives is reinvested at Hanford.

“MSA has made significant progress on improving the site’s energy management program over the last few years,” said Department of Energy Richland Operations Office Assistant Manager for Mission Support Jeff Frey. “This is one of many ways we are continuing to reduce costs at Hanford.”

“We are accomplishing these savings, in part, by installing more energy-efficient lighting and upgrading heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems,” said MSA’s Certified Energy Manager Christian Seavoy.

Hanford contractors are also earning incentives on larger infrastructure projects by upgrading electrical transmission systems and replacing electrical transformers.

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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. Except for a tank waste mission managed by the DOE Office of River Protection, the DOE Richland Operations Office is responsible for all remaining Hanford cleanup and is currently focused on cleaning out and 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. The office oversees Hanford Site work that is conducted by a federal and contractor workforce of approximately 4,000 personnel. Visit www.hanford.gov.

Mission Support Alliance, a team of Leidos and Centerra Group, has responsibility for the Mission Support Contract at the Hanford Site. MSA provides a number of cross-cutting services to the DOE and other contractors at the Hanford Site to facilitate cleanup activities. MSA is responsible for areas such as site infrastructure, utilities, transportation, environmental integration, safety, emergency services and training, external affairs, information management and portfolio management. MSA: Partnering to move the mission forward. https://msa.hanford.gov

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