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### **U.S. Army awards multiple performance-based acquisitions for installation cleanup**

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. - The Army has recently awarded a number of performance-based task orders to proceed with cleanup activities on various installations over the next few years.

The U.S. Army Environmental Command (USAEC) awarded in September a \$20.764 million performance-based task order for environmental remediation services at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., and a \$12.738 million performance-based task order for environmental remediation services at Hunter Army Airfield and Fort Stewart, Ga., to ARCADIS U.S., Inc., Highlands Ranch, Colo. The USAEC also awarded a \$1.709 million performance-based task order on Sept. 26, 2008 to Environmental Chemical Corporation, Burlingame, Calif., for environmental remediation services at the Mississippi Army Ammunition Plant. These three task orders were awarded on the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity contract administered by the Mission and Installation Contracting Command (MICC), Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) Directorate of Contracting (DOC).

The White Sands Missile Range award is a seven year three month task order that includes achieving response complete (RC) at three sites by Sept. 30, 2009; at six sites within two years of notice to proceed (NTP); and at one site within one year of NTP. It also includes remedy-in-place (RIP) at two sites by Sept. 30, 2011; RIP at three sites within two years of NTP; and approval of corrective action complete petition for 20 sites within 18 months of NTP. Finally, completion of a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act facility investigation at four sites within two years of NTP is included in the task-order as well as the requirement to perform necessary long-term management (LTM) at one site beginning Oct. 1, 2009 through the duration of the contract, and to conduct required groundwater monitoring at three sites until NTP for RIP/RC has been granted.

The Hunter Army Airfield (HAAF) and Fort Stewart (FST) award is a seven-year three month task order that includes achieving an installation-wide corrective action plan at HAAF by the end of March 2010; a compliance status report at one HAAF site by Sept. 30, 2009; and RIP at one HAAF site by the end of June 2011. Also included in the task order is RIP at another HAAF site by the end of June 2012; RIP at one HAAF site by June 30, 2009; and RIP at one HAAF site one year later. The task order also includes RC at one FST site in 2010, RC at two FST sites in 2011 and performing remedial action operations at one FST site for the duration of the task order.

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The Mississippi Army Ammunition Plant award is a five-year task order that includes achieving RC, performing demolition and dismantling and achieving site close-out at one site in 2011.

On Sept. 30, 2008 the USAEC awarded a \$1.599 million performance-based contract to EA Engineering Science and Technology, Hunt Valley, Md., for environmental remediation services at Fort Monroe, Va. This is a two-year contract that was awarded as a small business set-aside by the Services Contract Division, MICC, APG DOC. The contract includes achieving a remedial investigation/ feasibility study, proposed plan and decision document at 13 Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) sites by Sept. 29, 2010.

Performance-based acquisition ensures there is a clear understanding of the schedule and cost of work being performed and the related objectives to be achieved. The Army has found awarding performance-based contracts for environmental remediation services is a very effective means of accomplishing its cleanup objectives and benefits all involved.

Under a performance-based contract, the Army states the desired end result, and it's up to the contractor to take the necessary steps to get there. Contractors must still seek approval from the Army and regulators before implementing final cleanup remedies, and the Army still has the ultimate responsibility for the cleanup of its installations.

By providing clear definitions of performance expectations and evaluation criteria, there is a better likelihood that expectations will be reached to all parties' satisfaction. Linking payments to milestones provides incentives to develop and implement an effective and efficient approach to achieving regulatory closure.

For more information on the Army's performance-based acquisition program, see <http://aec.army.mil/usaec/cleanup/pbc00.html>

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