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U.S. Army Awards \$2.5 Million Performance-Based Acquisition Task Order for Environmental Remediation Services at Fort Rucker, AL

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – On August 17, 2009, the U.S. Army Environmental Command (USAEC) awarded a \$2.5 million performance-based task order to CH2M Hill Constructors, Inc., Englewood, CO, for environmental remediation services at Fort Rucker, Ala. The task order was awarded on the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management (ACSIM) Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (ID/IQ) contract administered by the Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM) Aberdeen Installation Contracting Division (AICD) USAEC Team.

The Fort Rucker award is a six and one-half year contract that includes achieving an approved Record of Decision/Decision Document (ROD/DD) at three Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) sites and achieving Remedy in Place (RIP) at one Installation Restoration Program (IRP) site.

The Army has two restoration programs under the Defense Environmental Restoration program (DERP) for active/operating Army installations, the IRP and MMRP. The IRP is a comprehensive program to identify, investigate and clean up hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants resulting from past Department of Defense (DOD) operations and activities. The MMRP addresses the potential explosives safety, health, and environmental issues caused by past DOD munitions-related activities. Congress established the MMRP under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) to address unexploded ordnance (UXO), discarded military munitions (DMM) and munitions constituents (MC) located on other than operational ranges on current and former defense sites.

Use of the performance-based acquisition approach requires clearly defined objectives to be achieved, measurable performance standards in terms of quality, timeliness, and quantity, and the method of assessing contractor performance against performance standards. 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

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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 government oversight 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 contract requirements.

For more information on the Army's performance-based acquisition program, see <http://aec.army.mil/usaec/cleanup/pba00.html> or call (410) 436-2556.

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