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U.S. Army awards performance-based contract for environmental remediation services at Fort Indiantown Gap

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – The U.S. Army awarded a \$2.13M performance-based contract on Sept. 22, to Weston Solutions, Inc., West Chester, Penn., for environmental remediation services at Fort Indiantown Gap, Penn. The contract was awarded by the National Guard Bureau on a General Services Administration schedule.

The Fort Indiantown Gap award is a three-year contract that includes conducting a remedial investigation and feasibility study at one Military Munitions Response Program site.

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 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.

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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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