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DOE Completes Pre-Solicitation Exchanges with Prospective Bidders for SRS Operating Contract

WASHINGTON, DC – The Department of Energy (DOE) has completed individual pre-solicitation exchanges with 38 prospective bidders for the operations at the Savannah River Site (SRS). The current contract runs through September 30, 2006. The purpose of the meetings was to receive input from industry to questions that were previously posted in a June 17, 2005, *Request for Information*, including work package structure, infrastructure allocation, and contract integration. The high level of industry interest was reflected in pre-solicitation exchange participation by senior personnel knowledgeable in the technical aspects and acquisition processes associated with DOE work.

The Department benefited greatly from these exchanges. Innovative ideas for work packaging and contract structuring were presented. The Department greatly appreciates the knowledge and experience that industry was willing to share. Input from these sessions will be used by the Department to develop an Acquisition Strategy. The objectives of the acquisition are to: enhance competition; allow more opportunities for small businesses; improve performance and drive down costs; and provide the most appropriate contract vehicles for performing the Department's Environmental Management and National Nuclear Security Administration work today and in the future. The Acquisition Strategy will form the basis of the Acquisition Plan, which will guide the Request for Proposals and proposal evaluation process.

The Department will continue providing updates to industry and the community as this acquisition process advances.

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