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River Corridor Closure Project Vision

Environmental risks are removed and the River Corridor is restored to enable beneficial use.

River Corridor Closure Project Mission

Complete the safe, compliant and efficient cleanup of the River Corridor by 2012.

Subcontractor exceeds safety goal

DelHur Industries is the first Washington Closure Hanford subcontractor to receive safety and performance bonuses for work completed on the River Corridor Closure (RCC) Project.



DelHur Industries is one of the subcontractors performing field remediation in the 100 Area. Other 100 Area subcontractors include Federal Engineers and Constructors and Safety and Ecology Corp.

DelHur earned a total of \$54,000 in bonuses for exceeding safety goals and bringing in the 116-N-1 Crib and Trench backfill project \$176,000 under budget and three months ahead of schedule. They began the 500,000-ton backfill project in mid-April and completed it in mid-June.

"What this demonstrates is that safety and performance are not mutually exclusive," said Scott Parnell, Field Remediation manager for the crib and trench project. "In fact, good safety performance is a mark of a well-managed project."

Dennis Houston, procurement manager, said, "Safety and performance incentives are optional contract benefits we have been offering to major subcontractors since the RCC Project began in August 2005.

"Some subcontractors have elected to include the contract incentives and some haven't," he said. "We're especially pleased to be able to pay this incentive to DelHur. It demonstrates that small businesses can safely and efficiently perform cleanup work at Hanford."

DelHur has performed other work at Hanford, including construction of the first four disposal cells at the Environmental Restoration Disposal

All-employee meetings honor a successful first year

Washington Closure Hanford Project Manager Pat Pettiette recently hosted all-employee meetings to recap the excellent performance of the River Corridor Closure (RCC) Project during its first year of operation, as well as outline what's ahead for fiscal year 2007.

The meetings, held Oct. 2-5, addressed the past year's accomplishments and challenges, along with possible areas for future improvement. Key notes from the meetings included electrical safety and reporting safety occurrences. DOE Richland Operations Manager Keith Klein shared his perspectives on RCC Project progress and answered employee questions, as well as Mike Weis and Kevin Bazzell.

The meetings were for all employees of Washington Closure, Eberline Services Hanford and Integrated Logistics Services. The event was held at Battelle Auditorium where attendance was mandatory.

Making the move to Fermi Avenue

Washington Closure Hanford employees from Hanford Square and Sigma buildings have successfully moved into the new building at 2620 Fermi Avenue.

The final move-in completed a year-long project that began with an extensive analysis of office alternatives in October 2005. The building, which represents the least costly option, was designed by Smart Park Properties, LLC, as a centerpiece of their strategic plan to develop the Richland area north of the Stevens Center. Construction was completed in approximately six months thanks to contractors overseen by Opp and Siebold Construction of Walla Walla. The Washington Closure team achieved a \$1,000,000 cost avoidance by using modular furniture excessed by the Waste Treatment Plant.

Facility in the 1990s. Current work for Washington Closure includes cleaning up a large radioactive waste burial ground at Hanford's K Area. That contract also includes safety and performance incentives.

Subcontractors contribute to RCC Project success

"The efforts of subcontractors are essential to the success of the River Corridor Closure (RCC) Project. We aggressively pursue opportunities to provide subcontracting projects to qualified businesses," said Bill Shingler, Project Services director.

"Subcontractors are involved in virtually every aspect of the RCC Project – from removing contaminated materials from waste sites and disposing of them at ERDF, to providing business-support services such as graphics and property management," Bill said.

Washington Closure Hanford has awarded 88% of its subcontracted dollars to small businesses, significantly exceeding the goal of 65 percent required by the RCC Contract.

In fiscal year 2006, Washington Closure awarded over \$75 million to subcontractors. Of the total subcontracted dollars, \$58.1 million was awarded to subcontractors in the State of Washington, \$51 million of that staying in the Tri-Cities area.



Envirocon employees' effort to clean up the 618-2 Burial Ground is just one example of work subcontractors are performing in the 300 Area.

In addition, the RCC Contract specifies that Washington Closure will mentor at least two small businesses during the life of the contract. The Mentor-Protégé program was established by the Department of Energy and the Small Business Administration to encourage federal prime contractors to assist small disadvantaged, minority, veteran and women-owned businesses. Washington Closure's two current protégés are Integrated Logistics Service Inc. and TerranearPMC.

In total, more than 50 Washington Closure personnel actively participated in setting up and moving to the new building. An average crew each day included 10 drivers, 5 instrumentation technicians, 15 IT people, 3 Facility Services Staff and 6 Administrative Services Staff over three consecutive weekends. HAMTC resources were utilized from ERDF, D4-100, D4-300, ISS, D4 Utilities, D4 Heavy Equipment, and Facility Services.

Every Monday following move-in weekends, employees arrived to find their boxes and furniture in place, their computers and phones fully functional. "In my 30 years with the company, this has been the best coordinated and most efficient move I have ever experienced," said Bill Shingler, director of Project Services.

Connie Krull, Facility Services supervisor, and Marsha Fish, Information and Administrative Services supervisor, led the majority of the year-long effort and were impressed by the efficient, injury-free move efforts. "Everyone has worked together and put out a great team effort," Marsha said.

"The project demonstrates excellence in project management and a cost-effective approach to doing business," added Dan Plung, Infrastructure and Information Services manager. "The leasing of the Fermi Avenue facility and the professional manner in which the move was conducted reflect a team effort that integrated attention to safety, efficiency, and cost effectiveness."

Interesting Move Statistics

- Approximately 250 people were moved
- Approximately 2,900 moving boxes were transported and delivered
- Approximately 300 swivel chairs and 1000 guest chairs were transported and delivered
- 160 cubic feet of office supplies were collected for redistribution

Washington Closure also has implemented the "master agreement" concept to direct work on an as-needed basis to small businesses. Master agreements are contracts with no specific work scope associated with them – only terms and conditions to which a company must perform in future work. Master agreements are in place with several small businesses that are providing a variety of support services, such as engineering, safety and risk analysis and environmental remediation.

"Working together, we're getting cleanup results at Hanford," Bill added. "We thank each one of the subcontractors providing support to the RCC Project and want to encourage project staff with procurement needs to continue their aggressive use of subcontractors, especially small businesses."

Subcontractors at work throughout River Corridor

Subcontractors are making their mark across the River Corridor Closure (RCC) Project. Thank you to all of you who are helping achieve the RCC Project's goal to complete our work ahead of schedule, under budget, with zero lost workdays, and with significant support from small businesses. A sampling of our major subcontractors' and protégés' efforts follows.

ERDF

The **S.M. Stoller Corp.** operates ERDF. The Stoller team includes E2 Consulting Engineers, Washington Safety Management Solutions, Rogers Surveying, J-U-B Engineers and American Electric of Richland.



Subcontractor S.M. Stoller Corp. operates ERDF. About 600,000 tons of contaminated materials were disposed in the engineered landfill last year.

Integrated Logistics Services, a protégé firm, recently was awarded new transportation duties for ERDF and is responsible for removing waste containers from remediation sites and transporting them to ERDF for disposal.

100 Area

Several subcontractors are providing field remediation in the 100 Area. **DelHur Industries** is helping clean up the 118K-1 Burial Grounds and recently completed backfill of the 116-N-1 Trench and Crib, while **Federal Engineers and Constructors** is providing remediation and construction services at 100-F and B/C. **Safety and Ecology Corp.** is cleaning up solid waste burial grounds and remaining sites as well as four miles of potentially contaminated water treatment and sanitary sewer pipelines at D and DR reactors.

- 15 truck loads of office furniture were delivered to the Hanford Site Excess Yard
- 285 work stations were disconnected and reconnected (including 850 network connections and 2000 total disconnects and reconnects—keyboards, mouse monitor, etc.)
- 6 tons of recycle paper and 2 tons of cardboard recycle were sent to Clayton Ward
- 2 tons of cardboard boxes were reclaimed for future moves

Great books at great prices

Join the Friends of the Richland Library for their Semi-Annual Bonus Book Sale in the Doris Roberts Gallery during the following times:

- Nov. 1 – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
(Members-only, memberships available at the door)
- Nov. 2 – 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Nov. 3 – 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Nov. 4 – 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Nov. 5 – 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
(Half-Price Day)
- Nov. 6 – 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
(Bags of Books for \$2)

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300 Area

In the 300 Area, **Envirocon** is cleaning up burial grounds and has been partnered with protégé **TerranearPMC** in an effort to help the small business gain experience and move from simple engineering contracts to full-service contracts.

Other subcontractor services

Other subcontractors are supporting field work and providing business services.

Duratek Federal Services, of Richland, provides field remediation, monitoring, sampling and herbicide application. Duratek formerly managed ERDF.

EnergX, also of Richland, provides training and engineering consulting for the RCC Project through staff augmentation and subcontracted programs

Foothills Environmental, of Golden, Colo., provides industrial hygiene and safety services, and it will provide field remediation support in the near future.

Integrated Logistics Services is providing property management and warehouse support for the RCC Project warehouse that recently was moved from the 100 Area to the Energy Northwest Complex.

In addition to these subcontractors, more than 250 other businesses and individuals provide business services support to the RCC Project during an average month.

“Material girl” retires

From clerk to coordinator, Mary Coates has shopped Hanford since arriving as a material control clerk more than 27 years ago.

Over the years, Mary has worked in material controls for Rockwell Hanford, Westinghouse, and Bechtel Hanford and now has retired from Washington Closure Hanford.

“I plan to take a break, to just go home and sit for a bit. My husband is retired, so I look forward to being with him and then possibly doing some volunteering,” Mary said. “But I’ll miss my friends out here. It’s really a kick when we’re all together.”

Mary said her job has changed a lot since the advent of credit cards. “I used to get lists of equipment people needed and then I coordinated the purchases for them,” she said. “Now I get the list and purchase materials online.”



Material Coordinator Mary Coates retired after 27 years in material controls at the Hanford Site. Mary started as a material control clerk for Rockwell Hanford in 1979.

Coworkers and friends recognized Mary’s achievements in procurement at her retirement party in August. “Mary has always been a great help. She’s one of the reasons we have the success we do in Procurement,” said Dennis Houston, Procurement and Property manager.