Fluor Corporation (NYSE: FLR) today announced it is part of a team that has been awarded a $1.05 billion, up-to-eight-year contract by the U.S. Department of Energy to provide extensive environmental cleanup along the Columbia River at the Hanford Site in southeastern Washington state. Fluor has 30 percent ownership in the limited liability company that will operate under the business name of Washington Closure Company LLC. Washington Group International, Inc., and Earth Tech LLC are the other team members.

Actual contract value to Fluor will be determined by cost and schedule performance, is based on annual funding authorization from the government and will be booked in annual increments.

"With our partners, Fluor looks forward to applying its corporate strengths in project execution, engineering and safety to this challenging and important effort," said Ron Oakley, group executive of Fluor's Government Services group. "Accomplishing DOE's aggressive cleanup goals to further protect the Columbia River is certainly a job our employees can take pride in. We expect to capitalize on the lessons learned during our acceleration of the cleanup and closure of DOE's Fernald Environmental Management Project in Ohio, as well as our six years of progress at Fluor Hanford."

The project, known as the River Corridor Closure Project, involves approximately 210 square miles beginning at the shores of the Columbia River and extending inland to the middle of the Hanford Site. The area encompasses nine plutonium production reactors, a reactor fuel manufacturing and research area near the City of Richland and open land.

Included under the contract, which represents the first of two phases of the River Corridor Cleanup, Washington Closure Company will place three defunct plutonium production reactors into interim safe storage, demolish reactor-area structures, remediate 269 waste sites and 46 burial grounds, and take down surplus buildings. Transition into the contract will begin immediately. WCC will formally take over the project on July 24.

"Fluor is pleased to start a third endeavor in the Tri-Cities," said Ron Hanson, a president within Fluor's Government Services group. "With our Fluor Hanford and Fluor Federal Services workforces already making major contributions at Hanford, we're excited about this expanded involvement into another critical cleanup area. Also, it strengthens our presence as a long-term member of the Tri-Cities community."

Fluor Hanford has been the primary site management contractor at Hanford since October 1996, and Fluor Federal Services, in Richland, Wash., provides engineering, construction and program management services for government clients at Hanford and around the world.

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