

Superfund: the next generation

CH2M HILL recently signed the first of a “new generation” of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Superfund contracts: the EPA Region 10 Architect and Engineering Services contract.

The firm pursued and won work with the EPA at the very beginning of the Superfund program in the early 1980s.

This new win is the fourth active prime contract for the EPA Superfund program, including Response Action Contracts (RACs) in EPA Regions 5, 6 and 9. CH2M HILL has also been performing as a team subcontractor under the current EPA Region 10 RAC. The new Region 10 AES contract represents CH2M HILL’s fifth generation of contracts with the EPA Superfund program and sets the path for three decades of service to Region 10.

“A visionary group of people in the firm took a leap of faith when they competed for and won the first of the EPA Superfund contracts in the early 1980s,” said Mike Tilchin, client services manager for the EPA. “Those Superfund pioneers set a standard for outstanding technical work and client service that others have followed. The EPA Region 10 AES win is all the more rewarding by virtue of being part of this great CH2M HILL legacy.”

Under the new 10-year, \$109 million AES contract, CH2M HILL will provide study, design, technical support and construction management services to EPA Region 10 at Superfund sites in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska. The EPA Superfund program is responsible for cleaning up the nation’s highest priority hazardous waste sites, with the

goal of protecting human health and the environment, and then returning the sites to beneficial reuse.

Summarizing EPA’s comments from the post-award kickoff meeting, Doug Holsten, the firm’s AES program manager, said, “EPA emphasized how pleased they were to have CH2M HILL as a prime contractor in Region 10. It was clear that EPA is genuinely excited about our new partnership and reestablishing direct access to CH2M HILL as a prime contractor. This is the kind of feedback that makes your day and is a tribute to our people who have provided top-notch service to Region 10 over the years.”

Primary services include:

- Remedial investigation to determine the nature and extent of contamination
- Feasibility studies to develop a range of alternatives for cleaning up sites
- Construction management for remedial construction
- Oversight on behalf of the EPA of investigations, feasibility studies and design and construction conducted by private parties

CH2M HILL will perform architectural and engineering services for Superfund sites in EPA’s Region 10.

