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## INL Site Cleanup Contractor Supports Regional Efforts to Advance Clean Energy

**IDAHO FALLS, October 24, 2023** – Idaho National Laboratory (INL) Site cleanup contractor Idaho Environmental Coalition (IEC) is applauding a [half-million-dollar grant](#) award that Intermountain West Nuclear Energy Corridor (INEC) received this week from the Secretary of Commerce. INEC is led by the [Idaho Advanced Energy Consortium](#) (IAEC) of which IEC is a founding member. INEC is one of 31 communities nationwide designated as a regional innovation and technology hub, which will allow it to apply for a grant of up to \$75 million to further develop plans for advanced nuclear technology initiatives.

“This grant opens the door to future funding for our region and a multitude of opportunities that will drive economic development and will advance clean energy initiatives for our nation,” said IEC President Ty Blackford. “Because we believe that cleanup and clean energy go hand-in-hand, IEC will continue to partner with the consortium and its industry partners as they position our region as a global leader in advanced nuclear energy innovation and technologies.”

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### **About the Idaho Environmental Coalition**

*The Idaho Environmental Coalition (IEC), led by Jacobs and North Wind Portage, manages the Idaho Cleanup Project at the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE’s) Idaho National Laboratory (INL) Site, located 45 miles west of Idaho Falls. The 10-year, \$6.4 billion project, funded through DOE’s Office of Environmental Management, focuses on safely dispositioning transuranic waste, managing spent nuclear fuel, treating radioactive liquid waste, removing legacy structures, and closing facilities that have completed their missions. IEC is committed to protecting its employees, the public, and environment while meeting all existing and future milestones necessary to further the INL’s mission.*

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