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Idaho Environmental Coalition Enters Mentor-Protégé Agreement With MarCom

IDAHO FALLS, February 21, 2024 – Idaho Environmental Coalition, LLC, (IEC) the cleanup contractor for the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Idaho National Laboratory (INL) Site, entered its first Mentor-Protégé Agreement with an Idaho Falls small business, MarCom, LLC. Under the Agreement, IEC will act as mentor to provide onsite work experience for employees of MarCom (Protégé) and business development expertise to enhance the company's ability to bid on future federal contracts.

MarCom, LLC, founded in 2003, provides management, administrative, engineering, nuclear operations, and safety and health services to DOE sites throughout the country. It is a Native American- and Woman-Owned small business with additional offices in Butte, Montana, and Fort Collins, Colorado.

"This program is designed to foster long-term relationships between DOE prime contractors and small businesses, which provides mutual benefit to both parties," said IEC Small Business Liaison Elisabeth Warn. "Small businesses bring significant economic value to the communities in which they are invested, and this program connects them to a larger portfolio of work."

Marcella Medor, MarCom's president, sees great value in the opportunities this agreement provides.

"Our workforce has expertise in a number of skilled disciplines," she said. "This mentorship provides an opportunity for our company to grow and develop skills that will make us more competitive as we bid for projects at other DOE sites," she said.

In addition to being Women-Owned, MarCom is also a Small Disadvantaged business, which means it is (1) 51% or more owned and controlled by one or more disadvantaged persons and (2) the disadvantaged person or persons are socially disadvantaged and economically disadvantaged.

This is the first of two Mentor-Protégé Agreements IEC will sign with small businesses during this current contract period.

In 2021, IEC was awarded a 10-year, \$6.4 billion contract to manage cleanup at the INL Site, with a focus on early risk reduction and continued protection of the Snake River Plain Aquifer.

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From Left to Right: MarCom President Marcella Medor, IEC President and Program Manager Ty Blackford, and IEC Senior Manager for Supply Chain Management Shawna Southwick.

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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