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CARLSBAD, N.M., November 29, 1994--Westinghouse Electric Corporation’s Waste Isolation Division has awarded a one-year $323,000 contract for transportation support to TAD Trucking Co. The Hobbs, N.M.-based company will support transportation at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) and ten locations nationwide.

The Waste Isolation Division is the management contractor for the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) Carlsbad Area Office that operates the WIPP.

The contract contains four one-year options and could make the total value of the award worth $1.7 million over five years. TAD Trucking is a small business under the Federal Acquisition Regulations.

TAD Trucking was the bidder selected from seven proposals to transfer radioactive materials on and between DOE nuclear waste generator sites. The company will also support state emergency response training exercises, transport of transuranic shipping containers, including the TRUPACT-II, for required maintenance, as well as a variety of educational activities and public outreach programs throughout the country.

One dedicated tractor and two drivers will perform approximately 60 dispatches per year. Dispatches will be from the WIPP site, located 26 miles east of Carlsbad, N.M. and 52 miles west of Hobbs. Subcontractor’s equipment and government furnished trailers will be parked at the WIPP. Maintenance will be provided by TAD.

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The initial request for proposal was issued in late August. Proposals were received and evaluated in late September. The contract is effective Dec. 1, 1994, with a four-month transition period involving Dawn Enterprises, Inc. of Farmington, N.M. Dawn has supplied transportation support at the WIPP since 1988.

The WIPP is a research and development facility is designed to demonstrate the safe, permanent disposal of transuranic radioactive waste left from the production of nuclear weapons. Project facilities include excavated rooms 2,150 feet below the earth's surface in ancient bedded salt rock.