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ASSISTANT SECRETARY ILLUSTRATES DOE'S DIVERSITY IN TECH TRANSFER

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 10 -- The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) transferred information technology to a Virginia-based woman-owned business that specializes in professional development training. The transfer of technology is in support of a continuing commitment by DOE Secretary Hazel O'Leary to make research and development technology available to private industry, including small and minority-owned business.

Thomas Grumbly, Assistant Secretary for the DOE's Office of Environmental Management, presented Patricia Guggenheimer, president of Cavalier Development Company in Nokesville, VA, with computerized self-paced professional development courses, created at the DOE's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) near Carlsbad, N.M. The Virginia-based company, which has been operating for 10 years, plans to modify the training courses and market them to the private sector.

"The Secretary continually expresses the importance of diversity and technology transfer," said Grumbly. "The Department has made significant progress in achieving both initiatives. I believe this transfer illustrates how the private sector benefits from contractor-developed, government-funded technology."

"The transfer of \$2 million worth of technology from the DOE to Cavalier Development Company is exactly the boost a woman-owned, small business needs to compete in a global marketplace," said Guggenheimer. "This technology moves CDC, which specializes in change management and team building, forward in its ability to service its customers by five years. This transfer of technology is a perfect example of how government can help women-owned, small companies achieve excellence."

Westinghouse Electric Corporation, the primary contractor for the DOE's Carlsbad Area Office,

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created the professional development technology for company and DOE employees at the WIPP. Guggenheimer learned of the availability of the technology by answering a notice that was placed on the Internet. The Internet is a growing international computer network that is accessible by millions of people.

Since March of this year, the Carlsbad Area Office and Westinghouse have been posting technology transfer notices on the Internet. More than 1,000 technology transfer requests have been received because of the notices. Nineteen of the 59 technology transfers to date, or approximately 32 percent, have been made to small, small disadvantaged, and women-owned businesses.

The DOE technology transfer program is designed to promote economic development and competitiveness in the private sector, improve the quality of organizational operations, enhance education and training, and ensure maximum return on taxpayer investment. Most DOE-funded, Westinghouse-developed technologies are available to organizations for nonexclusive commercialization or internal use at no cost.

Always looking for ways to better serve the taxpayer, the Carlsbad Area Office and Westinghouse are venturing into paperless customer-oriented information transfers. Any company with a computer and modem will be able to download product information and an approval form. Faster transfers will result. There also will be a reduction in paper usage and postage costs, while giving taxpayers "real-time" access to DOE-funded information technology.

The WIPP is a research and development facility administered by the Carlsbad Area Office. Located in southeastern New Mexico, it is designed to demonstrate the safe, permanent disposal of transuranic radioactive waste left from the research and production of nuclear weapons. Project facilities include excavated rooms 2,150 feet below the earth's surface in an ancient, stable salt formation.

Anyone interested in more information on the Carlsbad Area Office's Technology Transfer Program can call either Alison Miner of the Carlsbad Area Office at (505) 234-7321, or Bill Keeley of the

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Westinghouse Waste Isolation Division at (505) 234-7594. Keelcy, who is the Westinghouse Senior Administrative Manager of Technology Transfer and Economic Development, also can be reached through the Internet at devitop@wipp.carlsbad.nm.us. For additional information on the WIPP, please call, toll free, 1-800-336-WIPP (9477).

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