



Contract goes to first choice

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A disputed \$3.3 billion operating contract to manage Savannah River Site's extensive liquid waste program was resolved late Monday in favor of Savannah River Remediation, LLC -- the firm originally chosen last fall by the U.S. Department of Energy.

A rival bidder -- Savannah River Tank Closure, LLC -- had protested the award.

Savannah River Remediation is led by URS Washington Division. Its rival, Savannah River Tank Closure, is led by Parsons Corp. The contract period will run from Wednesday through March 31, 2015.

Because of the protest, a transition period that would have begun in January to

enable Savannah River Remediation to phase in its operations was placed on hold, said Keith Wood, a spokesman for URS. "We were notified of the announcement late this afternoon, and DOE has given us a notice to proceed," he said.

The liquid waste program at SRS includes the disposal of about 35 million gallons of Cold War nuclear waste.

DOE spokesman Jim Giusti said the transition period will begin immediately.

"A 90-day contract transition period has started, and SRR will become the Liquid Waste contractor around July 1," he said.

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