# #37 US DOE Acquisition and Project Management – "The Past 5 Years in Review"



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## **ETTP Project Overview**









#### **Contract Information**

- Size \$2.4 Billion
- JV Partners
  - AECOM (Primary)
  - CH2M HILL Constructors, Inc.

{Pre-selected SB partner Restoration Services, Inc (RSI)}

- Contract Duration and Specifics
  - August 1, 2011, through July 31, 2016
  - 4 Option Contract Line Items which could extend contract to July 31, 2020

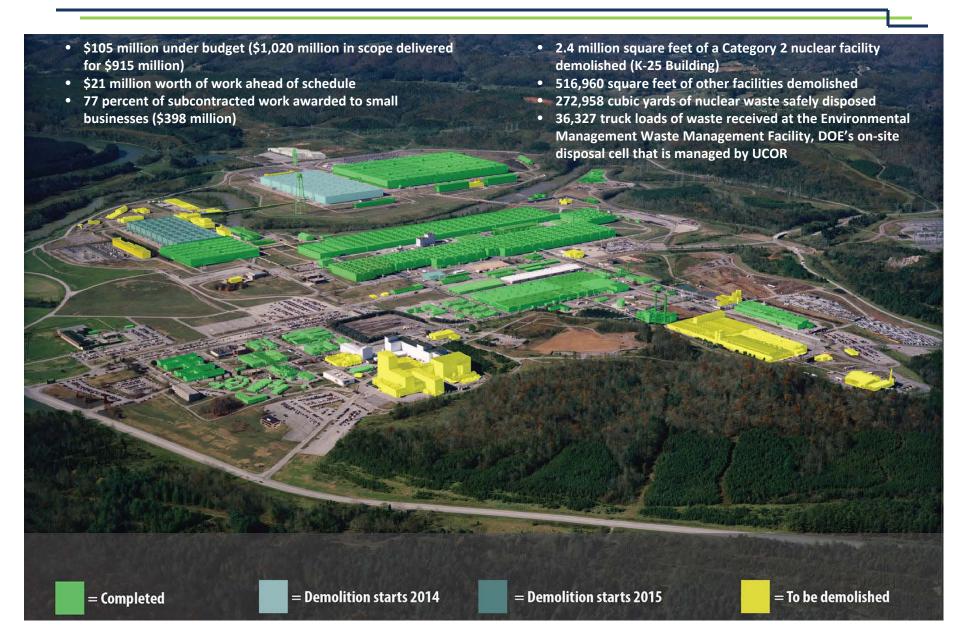
#### **ETTP Contract Scope of Work and Primary Mission/Role at Site**

- Decontamination & Demolition (D&D) of the major facilities at the East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP)
  - K-25 and K-27 Uranium Enrichment Plants
  - Other facilities such as the Centrifuge, TSCA Incinerator, and K-1037 Barrier Plant
- Environmental remediation of contaminated soils
- Significant waste management activities disposal of radioactive waste both onsite and offsite
- Perform surveillance, maintenance and operations activities at DOE EM owned facilities at ETTP, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and Y-12 National Security Complex
- Management and operation of Environmental Management Waste Management Facility (EMWMF) and Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR) landfills





## **UCOR Contract D&D Scope Remaining**



## Achieving Two Sides of the Coin – contract and project management alignment

#### Transition and True up

- Material Differences (MDs)
  - Mobilize due diligence teams and establish MD review board & process
  - Periodic partnering meeting with customer
    - Status progress of walk downs
    - Discuss potential changes and reach agreement
    - Determine which MDs are de minimis
    - Schedule "chunking" process and manage definitization as a project
- Streamline Negotiations
  - Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 15.404-4(c)6 Contracting Officer may use the basic contract's profit or fee rate for relatively small dollar value changes
  - Managing challenges appointment of ombudsmen from customer and contractor
    - Stay above the fray
    - Help avoid hard feelings and impasses





## **Setting the Stage**

#### Year One

- Enterprise Commitment to Project Integration
  - Backbone organization for project support services
    - Project Controls Group
    - Contract Management
    - Project Management Office
  - Each group works closely together to get project off on right foot
  - Multiple critical deliverables during first year of contract
- Performance Measurement Baseline (PMB) Validation
  - Delivery of interim PMB during transition period allows progress to be measure starting day one through implementation of PMB
  - Delivery of PMB within 6 months of start of contract operations
  - Facilitate review by customer for expedited validation
  - Validation within 3 months of submission





## **Setting the Stage**

#### Year One

- Earned Value Management System (EVMS) Certification
  - Reach back to successful projects for best policies & procedures
  - Utilize black/white hat reviews
  - Requires commitment from entire company, not just Project Integration group
- Establishment of Integrated Priority List (IPL)/Buyback Scope
  - Once baseline and contract are aligned partner with customer to ensure priorities are communicated
  - May require multiple meetings as funding is always in flux/priorities may change
- Implementation of Project and Business Management System
  - Establishment of systems during transition is imperative
  - Requires commitment from Senior Management Team
  - Review system annually for updates based on industry best practices





## **Building What You Sold**

#### **Project Execution**

- Project Delivery
  - Provide customer briefing of technical proposal
  - Annual performance scorecards of proposal promises
- Performance Management and Assurance
  - Contract
    - Partnering between Contracting Officer and Contract Management
    - Weekly status of contractual items
      - Safety stats, issues, initiatives, etc.
      - Contract Change Proposals (CCP)/Requests for Equitable Adjustment (REA)
      - Government-furnished services/items
    - Monthly Reporting of alignment between Total Estimated Contract Cost (TECC) and Contract Budget Base (CBB)
  - Project
    - Monthly Performance Reporting useful concise information which support customer decision process
  - Funds
    - Establishment of Funds Management Committee
    - Funding for project controlled through Project Direction Notice (PDN)
    - Annual Funding Scorecard
      - Demonstrates control of project costs
      - Use funding generated from cost savings for IPL/Buyback





## **Building What You Sold**

#### **Project Execution**

- Developing and Maintaining Relationships and Teams Partnering
  - Framework established during transition
  - Senior Management commitment required
  - Periodic facilitated meetings focus may change as team matures/changes
  - Essential for success
- Adapting to Change Conditions and Ensuring Alignment
  - Integrated Project Team (IPT) needs to be cognizant of contract changes
  - Contract changes come before baseline changes [Authorized Unpriced Work (AUW) or directed change]
  - Management Reserve is not used to cover a contract change





## Taking the Next Step -

### exercising the contract options

#### Contract Delivery and Long-term Management

- Staying committed to alignment
  - Now ingrained into entire process, including exercising of option Contract Line Item Numbers (CLINs)
- Importance of Sequencing and Timing
  - Contractor provides change control proposals (CCPs) for known change conditions (similar to MDs during transition)
  - Changes are definitized first into Option CLINs
  - CLINs with updated pricing are exercised via contract modification
  - Baseline Change Request (BCR) follow contract
- Performance-based Assignment
  - IPT must demonstrate progress executing base period cleanup scope
  - Option continues to fulfill an existing requirement
  - Risks are adequately identified and potentially mitigated





## Two sides of the coin

## Ultra-Marathon, not a sprint

- Transition
  - Do not underestimate importance to alignment and true up
- Alignment
  - Easy concept challenging in practice
- Partnerships
  - Foundational to delivering two sides of the coin
- Building What You Sold
  - Defines commitment level of the prime contractor
- Delivering the Value
  - Why we were selected



