

To all,

The purpose of this email is to inform you that in a very short period of time NNSA will be releasing the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the combined management of the Y-12 National Security Complex and Pantex Plant, with an option for phase in of Tritium Operations performed at the Savannah River Site. After a great deal of analysis and consideration, NNSA will announce that Protective Force services for the Y-12 National Security Complex and the Pantex Plant will be procured through a consolidated separate prime contract vehicle rather than through a proprietary M&O model, as originally presented in the draft RFP.

This is a reversal of our original position and came about as a result of exhaustive research by my staff and the NNSA Office of the Chief Finance Officer (CFO). The Administrator, Deputy Administrator, NA-10 and the Acquisition Strategy Team (AST) have all been thoroughly briefed and concur with this path forward. Steve Erhart and Ted Sherry and their respective staffs have also been consulted throughout this process.

As you know, NNSA originally decided to place the Protective Force services under the M&O model recognizing that it represented a cost increase for security; however, given the increased cost to security, we continued to study alternatives. A more thorough analysis and use of detailed cost models definitively revealed that a separate prime contract model would represent the best overall value to the Government.

This decision should not be interpreted as a reversal of our commitment to facilitate career longevity options for Protective Force personnel. On the contrary, we worked with the AST and NNSA Office of Acquisition Management to ensure that appropriate language was added to the final RFP to contractually ensure preferential hiring consideration for qualified, former SPOs. Many members of our Protective Forces are naturally preferred candidates for other jobs on site given their existing security clearances and site knowledge, and we don't want to lose their expertise.

I understand that some will not be happy with this decision; however, our primary objectives have been to maintain our ability to effectively protect our assets at the best value to the Government, while at the same time be supportive of the Protective Force to ensure they have a long, fulfilling career ahead of them in the event that they can no longer serve as Security Police Officers. I believe that this decision can accomplish both of these objectives.

Steve Wanzer has set up a telecom tomorrow for me with you to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

Doug