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## **Recovery Act Projects at Piketon Plant Supporting Local Small Businesses** *Nearly \$4 million awarded to regional firms*

**PIKETON, OHIO** – The U.S. Department of Energy’s Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office, through its remediation contractor LATA/Parallax Portsmouth, has awarded approximately \$4 million in five small business subcontracts. The subcontracts with local firms are employing more than 100 workers to support five accelerated cleanup projects, funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Piketon.

DKM Construction Company of Piketon, Ohio is a small disadvantage hub zone business, providing general contracting services since 1992. According to owner Dennis Martin, the company was hard hit by the demobilization of the commercial centrifuge project at the Piketon plant site in August 2009, resulting in the layoffs of 150 DKM workers. That same month, LATA/Parallax contracted with DKM for more than \$530,000 to provide various support for the ARRA work, including field trailer installations for three separate ARRA projects at the site.

Geiger Brothers of Jackson, Ohio is a small hub zone business. As a general mechanical contractor in business since 1909, the small company was excited to receive more than \$520,000 by LATA/Parallax through the stimulus program to provide field trailer installations for two other projects, stadium lighting to support two-shift operations, and the supply of equipment for ARRA projects. Geiger Brothers President Scott Massie said, “The stimulus funds sure did help. Anytime you are spending money close to home, either directly or indirectly, it’s a huge benefit for the company.”

A.J. Stockmeister is another small business out of Jackson, Ohio that has benefited from the ARRA funding. As a general contracting company providing mechanical contracting and specialty work, A.J. Stockmeister received a contract from LATA/Parallax for over \$840,000 to perform asbestos removal from two ARRA projects, the X-533 Electrical Switchyard and the X-760 Chemical Engineering Building Decontamination and Decommissioning Projects. According to company president and owner Seth Stockmeister, “The stimulus has been a boost for our company, providing this work through spring 2010.”

A \$1.25 million contract has been awarded to Pike Sanitation, Inc. of Waverly, Ohio for the transport and disposal of sanitary debris from the X-533 Electrical Switchyard and X-633 Cooling Tower Complex demolition projects. Pike Sanitation president Mike Migyanko stated the family-owned and operated business was started in 1971 and employs 63 local people. “With the downturn in the local economy, this particular contract has provided an opportunity to generate business and we plan to bring on additional trucks and drivers to support the project,” said Migyanko. He added that a portion of the money from the contract will be directly returned to Pike County based on the landfill tipping fees for the disposal of wastes.

In addition, a contract for \$830,000 has been issued to Innovative Solutions Unlimited LLC of Piketon, Ohio, a small hub zone business formed in 1993 by a former laid off employee of the uranium enrichment plant. Innovative Solutions’ Contracts Manager Butch Stall stated, “This work couldn’t have come at a better time for us. It was a shot in the arm after the company lost about 50 people due to the demobilization of the on-site centrifuge program.” The company is providing security escort support and engineering support to LATA/Parallax on the Recovery Act projects.

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