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**Site contractors contribute over \$600,000 to eastern Idaho United Way organizations**

IDAHO FALLS — The employees of Idaho National Laboratory have given a boost to three regional United Way offices with record-setting donations for the upcoming year. United Way organizations in eastern Idaho received more than \$600,000 in contributions from three contractors working at the Department of Energy's Idaho site.

Battelle Energy Alliance and its employees have pledged a total of \$388,000 to United Way offices and agencies serving 22 counties in east and southeast Idaho. This beats the old record of \$379,700 set in 2006. This year's total includes a \$55,000 donation by Battelle Energy Alliance, which will be shared among United Way offices in Idaho Falls, Pocatello and Twin Falls based on the percentage of INL employees residing in each United Way region.

"In a difficult economic year, we are pleased that INL employees have stepped up their giving to support the important work of United Way in communities across the region," said Amy Lientz, director of INL's Communications & Governmental Affairs. "These United Way offices include some 80 agencies providing food, shelter, crisis intervention, addiction rehabilitation, a variety of services to senior citizens and many vital youth programs. Together they form a safety net that improves the quality of life for all of us living in this region."

The BEA corporate gift complements the \$333,500 given by INL employees through fundraising events and automated weekly payroll deductions for 2012 to the agencies of their choice.

CH2M-WG Idaho (CWI), the contractor that manages the Idaho Cleanup Project, contributed \$141,124, which includes employee contributions, URS and CWI's corporate donations, and proceeds from the CWI Annual Golf Tournament.

"We are extremely pleased with the generosity of the workforce of the Idaho Cleanup Project. Once again, they have exceeded our campaign goal and shown their continued commitment to helping others in our community," stated Blaine Jensen, chairman of the CWI United Way Campaign. "The United Way is a wonderful way for each of us as individuals to get the most value for our contribution dollars. Partnering with the United Way of Idaho Falls and Bonneville County and the United Way of southeastern Idaho, we are able to make a more significant impact against hunger, homelessness, abuse and addiction, while also providing more support than any one of us can do individually. Together we really can make a difference."

The Idaho Treatment Group, which began managing and operating the Department of Energy's Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP) on Oct. 1, contributed \$75,000 to regional United Way organizations.

"I must say that I am most impressed with the many agencies that provide services to our neighbors in need. We had a delayed start for our campaign, however, the generosity of the AMWTP employees came through and we were able to meet our campaign goal," said Dick Raaz, president and project manager of the Idaho Treatment Group.

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