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Site contractors contribute over \$500,000 to United Way organizations in eastern Idaho

IDAHO FALLS — Employees of the U.S. Department of Energy's three largest contractors in Idaho provided support to three regional United Way offices with donations for the upcoming year. United Way organizations in eastern Idaho received more than \$500,000 in contributions.

Battelle Energy Alliance and its employees have pledged a total of \$304,000 to United Way offices and agencies serving 22 counties in east and southeast Idaho. 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.

"The campaign has been successful due to employees' understanding of the needs in our community. Federal budget challenges were no match for the giving spirit of our employees and their dedication to our community," said Wray Landon, INL Applied Engineering director and United Way campaign champion. "United Way and its member agencies work throughout the year to provide for basic needs like food, shelter, crisis intervention, addiction rehabilitation, senior services, youth programs, and immediate, effective help for victims of violence and abuse. I am proud of the support INL employees have shown in difficult times and honored to work in this giving environment."

CH2M-WG Idaho (CWI), the contractor that manages the Idaho Cleanup Project, contributed over \$123,200, which includes employee contributions, CWI's corporate donation, and proceeds from the annual CWI United Way golf tournament.

"We have had another very successful campaign this year" said Blaine Jensen, CWI campaign chair. "We achieved our campaign goal even with a looming government shutdown helping us with our kick off. The United Way is an amazing program that allows us to do so much more than any of us can do individually in making a difference within our community. Our employees truly are some of the most caring and generous people I know."

The Idaho Treatment Group, which manages and operates the Department of Energy's Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP), contributed just over \$43,500 to regional United Way organizations.

"I am very proud of our employee's generosity," said ITG President and Project Manager Danny Nichols. Our 2014 United Way campaign was condensed to three weeks in November, and with the Thanksgiving holiday, actually just two weeks. That's a remarkable amount in a very short time and it speaks volumes about the compassionate nature of this workforce."

In addition to employee contribution, URS Corporation, which has support responsibilities spanning the contractors on the Department of Energy's Idaho site, donated \$30,000.

The U.S. Department of Energy Idaho Operations Office provides support to the community through the Combined Federal Campaign. DOE Idaho office employees have pledged more than \$32,000 for 2014 to charities including United Way.

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