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Site contractors contribute more than \$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 coming year. United Way organizations in eastern Idaho received over \$496,400 in contributions.

Battelle Energy Alliance and many of its roughly 3,450 employees have pledged a total of \$293,300 to United Way offices and agencies serving 22 counties in east and southeast Idaho. This year's total includes a Battelle Energy Alliance \$55,000 donation, 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 needs of families living in our community were once again met with the giving spirit of our employees," said Wray Landon, INL Applied Engineering director and United Way campaign champion. "Providing for basic needs like food, shelter, crisis intervention, addiction rehabilitation, senior services, youth programs, and immediate, effective help for victims of violence and abuse."

CH2M-WG Idaho (CWI), the contractor that manages the Idaho Cleanup Project, contributed over \$95,800, which includes contributions from many of its roughly 1,050 employees, CWI's corporate donation, and proceeds from the annual CWI United Way golf tournament.

New to the CWI United Way committee, co-chairs Darrin Nelson and Bill Dunkley, were honored to lead CWI's fundraising efforts. "I am so proud of our employees and their support for this program," Nelson said. "Year after year, they put their best foot forward and donate to make this community and its citizens better." "We have the greatest employees, and it shows with the support they have shown to the community by donating so much to the United Way campaign this year," Dunkley said. "Our employees support will be a great help for those in need."

Many of the roughly 610 employees with the Idaho Treatment Group, which manages and operates the Department of Energy's Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP), contributed just over \$62,300 to regional United Way organizations.

"While I've just come on board the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project, one thing that has struck me is the caring nature of the workforce. I see it every day, as employees care for each other on the job, and certainly in the heartfelt contributions that were given to enable AMWTP to meet our goal for assisting United Way," said Dave Richardson, recently named acting president and project manager of the Idaho Treatment Group, the contractor that operates AMWTP.

AECOM/URS Corporation, which has support responsibilities spanning the contractors on the Department of Energy's Idaho site, donated \$25,000.

Babcock Wilcox Shaw Remediation, LLC (BWSR) is a Babcock & Wilcox joint venture performing D&D services at the INL. The \$20,000 contribution represents the combined donations of a business unit comprised of 86 employees.

The U.S. Department of Energy-Idaho Operations Office provides support to the community through the Combined Federal Campaign. Many of DOE-Idaho's roughly 225 employees pledged more than \$25,600 for 2015 to charities including United Way.

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