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Companies Minimize Impact of WIPP Workforce Restructuring

CARLSBAD, N.M., February 5, 2004 – Three WIPP contractors today announced joint actions to help minimize the impact of WIPP workforce restructuring for affected employees and area communities.

Washington TRU Solutions (WTS), NCI Information Systems, and L&M Technologies will open an outplacement center at 101 E. Mermod Street in Carlsbad on Thursday, February 12, to assist these workers.

Announced in January, this restructuring will correct a workforce skills imbalance and make operations more cost efficient. The WTS restructuring plan is expected to involve 45 WTS positions. The first phase of the plan is a voluntary separation program with incentives.

"Thirty of our employees have already volunteered for this program," said Bill Keeley, WTS Chief Information Officer. "We hope to get enough volunteers so that an involuntary reduction won't be necessary."

Also in January, WIPP subcontractors, NCI Information Systems and L&M Technologies, announced reductions involving 14 workers related to restructuring. The outplacement services team is contacting affected NCI and L&M workers this week.

"Our key goal is to help affected employees find jobs with other divisions of our respective organizations and with other employers," Keeley said. "We will offer help with resume writing, interview preparation and other job search services."

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"A number of workers have said they will remain in Southeast New Mexico," Keeley said. "They plan to seek new employment in this area, retire or go back to school," Keeley added.

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