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WTS Receives Corporate Achievement Award

CARLSBAD, N.M., June 20, 2008 – Washington TRU Solutions, LLC (WTS) is honored to be the recipient of the Corporate Achievement Award from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs at the 7th Annual Champions of Veterans Enterprise Program in Washington, D.C.

On June 12, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs presented awards to corporations that have offered continued support to veteran and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses. The awards were given in five categories to recognize significant contributions by organizations dedicated to expanding business opportunities for veteran and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses.

Bob Prentiss accepted the award on behalf of WTS and his colleagues in the Procurement group for quality performance providing veteran businesses with specific success stories. WTS spent more than \$6.2 million, or eight percent, of its total contracting dollars with veteran and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses. This amounts to nearly three times the original goal set by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

Also awarded was the Corporate Champion Award, which was presented to Sam Artis, director Small Business Liaison Office, on behalf of Washington Group

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International, Inc. (now the Washington Division of URS Corporation). Washington Group International, Inc. spent more than \$17 million of its contracting dollars with veteran and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses.

WTS manages and operates the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad for the DOE. WIPP, the nation's first permanent geologic repository for defense nuclear waste, began disposal operations in 1999. WTS is part of the Washington Division of URS Corporation.

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