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Local Teachers Awarded Mini Grants

CARLSBAD, N.M., May 21, 2010 – Seven local teachers have received mini grants from URS Washington TRU Solutions LLC (WTS). Farok Sharif, WTS President and General Manager, said the grants will be used for projects designed to inspire students and promote higher level learning skills.

“I appreciate the support URS gives to education,” said Cathy Roberson, one of the grant recipients. “Not only do they make us feel valued as teachers, but they show us their support for the development of the future of Carlsbad students by offering these mini grants.”

Teachers submitting mini grant applications for the WTS Mini Grant Program were eligible to receive up to \$250 each. This year’s recipients included Julie Volpato, Dianna Hutchison and Ida Webb from Emmitt Smith Preschool; Cathy Roberson and Maren Folsom from Monterrey Elementary School; Vickie Driskell from Pate Elementary School and Grant Willis from Puckett Elementary School and Joe Stanley Smith Elementary School.

WTS is the management and operating contractor for the U.S. Department of Energy’s Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) near Carlsbad, N.M. WIPP, the nations’ first permanent geologic repository for defense nuclear waste, began disposal operations in 1999. WTS is part of URS Corporation.