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Carlsbad Teachers Awarded Mini Grants

CARLSBAD, N.M., JUNE 3, 2011 – Five Carlsbad elementary school teachers have been awarded Excellence-in-Teaching Mini Grants by URS Washington TRU Solutions (WTS).

Julie Volpato, Marianne Williamson and Dianna Hutchinson, teachers at Emmitt Smith Elementary; and Danielle Mathis and Cathy Roberson, teachers at Monterrey Elementary; were awarded the grants last month. WTS manages and operates the U.S. Department of Energy's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.

"The Excellence-In-Teaching Mini Grant Program provides funds to enhance elementary school science, mathematics and technology programs," said Farok Sharif, WTS president and general manager. "We have fantastic teachers in our schools and this is a way to help educators who are preparing young men and women for the future."

Public elementary school educators in Carlsbad and other communities were invited to submit applications for the program. Teachers typically use the grant monies to purchase supplies to enhance their lessons. To date, WTS has awarded more than \$8,350 in mini-grants to schools in Lea and Eddy counties over the past four years.

WTS's parent company, URS, is a leading provider of engineering, construction and technical services for public agencies and private sector companies around the world.

Caption: Farok Sharif, WTS president and general manager, presents Excellence-in-Teaching Mini Grants from URS Washington TRU Solution to, from left, Julie Volpato, Danielle Mathis, Cathy Roberson, Marianna Williamson and Dianna Hutchinson.