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## **NNSA ANNOUNCES PLANS TO EXTEND BWXT Y-12 CONTRACT FOR OPERATION OF THE Y-12 NATIONAL SECURITY COMPLEX**

**OAK RIDGE, Tenn.** -- The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) today announced plans to extend BWXT Y-12's contract for the management and operation of the Y-12 National Security Complex (Y-12).

NNSA and BWXT Y-12 officials will begin negotiations for a new five-year contract that is expected to become effective October 1, 2005. BWXT Y-12 is an enterprise of BWX Technologies and Bechtel National, Inc. that operates Y-12 for NNSA. The company has some 4,600 employees with an annual payroll of approximately \$280 million.

William Brumley, Manager of the NNSA's Y-12 Site Office said, "We are very pleased with the performance of BWXT Y-12 over the past five years. Together, we have made dramatic improvements in safety and security and in the cost effectiveness of all operations at Y-12 while continuing to meet our national security mission."

Dennis Ruddy, President and General Manager of BWXT Y-12, said, "We are, of course, very pleased that NNSA plans to extend our contract to manage Y-12. We believe this extension recognizes the enormous amounts of energy this management team and all Y-12's employees have dedicated to making this site a leader in the Nuclear Weapons Complex. We believe it is a vote of confidence in BWXT Y-12. We believe the planned extension recognizes that we have taken steps to help secure the long-term future of Y-12. This contract extension also will allow us to move forward and execute our mission," Ruddy said.

Y-12 is a key part of the national Nuclear Weapons Complex. It manufactures parts from uranium and other special materials, specializing in the second stage of warheads. Y-12 also is responsible for the disassembly of warhead components and recycling of usable materials. It is the nation's storehouse for weapons-usable special nuclear material.

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Established by Congress in 2000, NNSA is a semi-autonomous agency within the U.S. Department of Energy responsible for enhancing national security through the military application of nuclear energy. NNSA maintains and enhances the safety, security, reliability and performance of the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile without nuclear testing; works to reduce global danger from weapons of mass destruction; provides the U.S. Navy with safe and effective nuclear propulsion; and responds to nuclear and radiological emergencies in the U.S. and abroad.

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