possessing, or unclassified. As a result, the DOE will be able to turn the facility over to a contractor to demolish the building.

K-1600 is one of the last remaining legacy structures on the 2,200-acre site of the World War II-era K-25 uranium enrichment plant, also known as the Oak Ridge Gaseous Diffusion Plant. The site is now home to the East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP), a private-sector industrial park. Centrus had leased K-1600 from the DOE since 2002 to test and demonstrate its advanced uranium enrichment centrifuges. That work was moved in 2018 to the company’s nearby Technology and Manu-

facturing Center. In September 2018, the DOE awarded Centrus a $15 million work authorization to prepare K-1600 for demolition.

The Energy Communities Alliance (ECA), an organization of local governments of communities adjacent to or impacted by Department of Energy sites, has identified 15 major cleanup contracts with the DOE’s Office of Environmental Management (EM) that are due to expire in 2020. EM currently has 31 major contracts that are active, according to an October 30, 2019, ECA bulletin.

The ECA said that delays in awarding contracts have an impact on ECA communities and result in uncertainty for contract workers, local governments and their budgets, and small businesses that may serve as subcontractors. The ECA noted that the DOE has missed some of its anticipated award deadlines, leading to a number of recently announced contract extensions at the Hanford Site (see Hanford contracts, above) and the Savannah River Site. The ECA is recommending that the DOE reform its acquisition process, proposing that the department include community engagement requirements in its contracts, emphasize longer-term contracts, and include community cleanup priorities clearly in the contract scope.

Information about the DOE’s prime contracting and subcontracting opportunities, including a list of expiring contracts, is available online at www.energy.gov/osdbu/acquisition-forecast.

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