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Carlsbad Teachers Awarded Excellence-in-Teaching Mini Grants

CARLSBAD, N.M., May 31, 2013 – Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (NWP) recently selected nine Carlsbad elementary school teachers as the recipients of Excellence-in-Teaching Mini Grants. The \$500 education grants specifically target elementary school teachers who play an important role in developing an early, and hopefully long-lasting, interest in science, mathematics and technology among young students.

This year's recipients in Carlsbad include Cathy Roberson, Melissa Lawrence-Bridges, Sophie Quintana, Tawnya Snowden, Maren Folsom and Jody Prell of Monterrey Elementary School; Brenda Eagan and Dianna Hutchison of Emmitt Smith Pre-school; and Tamaran Garriott-Harper of Hillcrest Elementary School.

"Teachers establish the foundation for students to build their future," said NWP President and Project Manager Farok Sharif. "Educators play such an important role in preparing students for success in a science, engineering or technology-base career field, and we're proud to lend our support."

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. In the past six years, NWP and its predecessor companies have awarded more than \$22,000 in mini grants to schools in Eddy and Lea counties.

NWP is the management and operating contractor for the U.S. Department of Energy's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) near Carlsbad. WIPP, the nation's first permanent geologic repository for defense transuranic nuclear waste, began disposal operations in 1999. NWP is a URS-led partnership with Babcock & Wilcox and AREVA.