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Nuclear Waste Partnership Awards Hobbs Teachers Excellence-in-Teaching Mini Grants

CARLSBAD, N.M., May 08, 2017 – Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (NWP) recently awarded 18 teachers in Hobbs an Excellence-in-Teaching grant to recognize their commitment to education. The \$500 grants are aimed at elementary school teachers who bring out a long-lasting interest for science, mathematics and technology among their students.

“Teachers are the foundation of our education system. If they can instill a love for these subjects in their students all of society benefits in the long-term.” said NWP President and Project Manager Phil Breidenbach. NWP is honored to recognize their commitment to teaching and support their endeavors.

This year’s recipients in Hobbs include:

- Raul Martinez and Christina Baldwin from Jefferson Elementary.
- Darla Hargrove, Kala Watts, Nancy Driskill, Andrea Rodriguez, Hali Florez and Linda Thrash from Stone Elementary.
- Makenzie Hargrove, Mel Kierimi, Krysta Felts and Marsha Ontiveros from Coronado Elementary.
- Rebecca Lynskey from Will Rogers Elementary.
- Tamara Lowe from College Lane Elementary.
- Judith Jaquez, Malee (Lee) K. Morin, Tracy Aguilar and Marsha Campbell from Murray Elementary.

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. NWP and its predecessor companies have awarded more than \$25,000 in mini grants to schools in Eddy and Lea counties. In addition the partnership has also awarded \$260,000 in scholarships to high school seniors in the area.

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 an AECOM-led partnership with BWXT Technologies and AREVA.