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### Salt Waste Processing Facility (SWPF)

Initial: \$900M Current: \$1.8B



### MOX Fuel Fabrication Facility

Initial: \$414M Current: \$8B



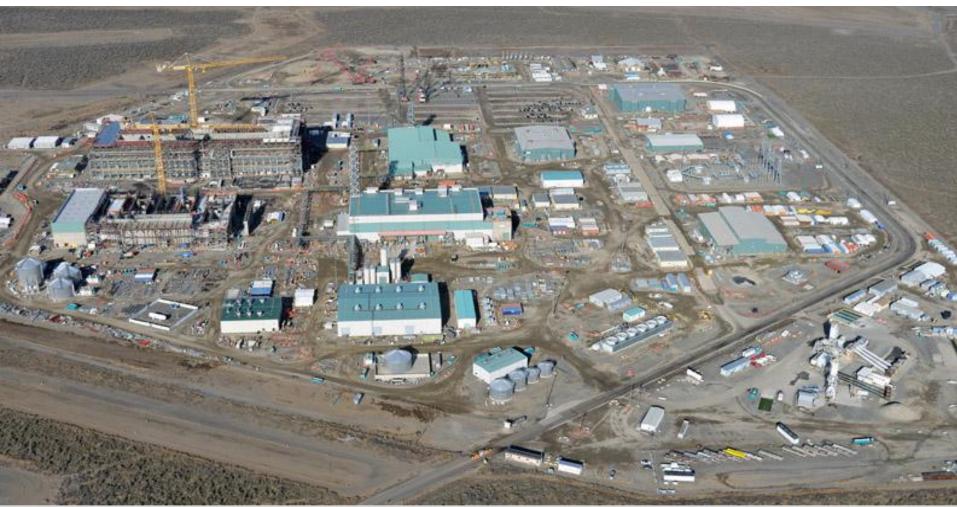
### K-25 Site Demolition

Initial: \$880M Current: \$1.4M



### Hanford Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant

Initial: \$4B Current: \$12B +



### We are not alone...

Project	Initial	Current
Olkiluoto Nuclear Power Plant	3.2B €	8.5B €
Flamanville Nuclear Power Plant	2.5B €	8.5B €
The Big Dig	\$2.8B	\$14.6B
Denver International Airport	\$2.5B	\$5.3B
Chunnel	2.6B £	4.8B £

### We will succeed or fail together

DOE hires the best companies in the world

DOE's capital work is some of the most technically complex in the world

Our goal is to get the right team involved from the start

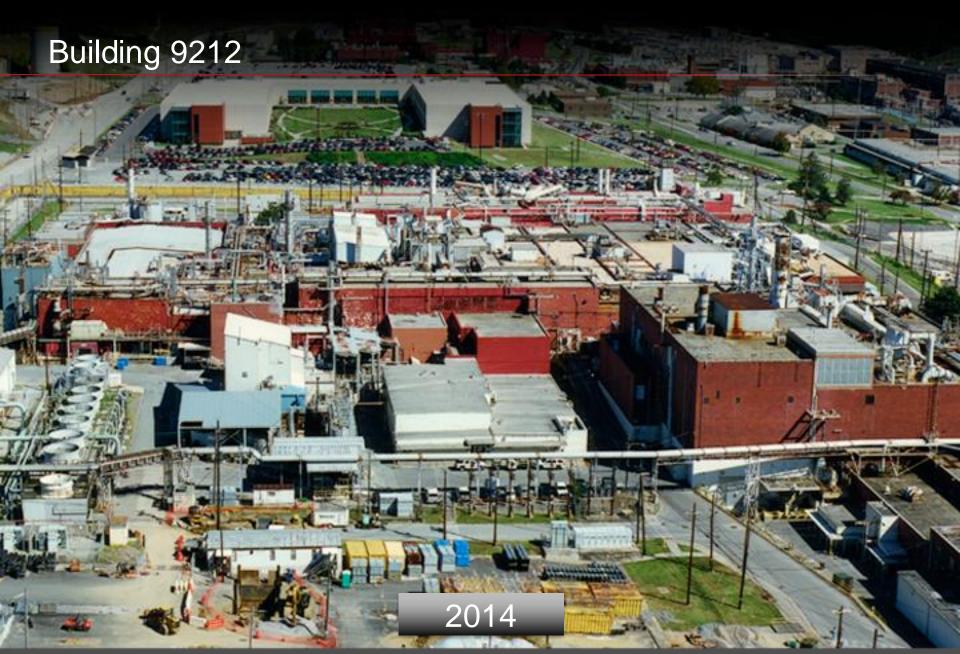
Our contractors have struggled with large, complex, first-of-a-kind projects

# WHY?

## Our Opportunity: The Uranium Processing Facility Project







### Y-12 Transformation — Why It's Important











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### **Smart Parsing to Build Credibility**

- Segmentation of scope
- Build a track record of successes and incrementally earn stakeholder confidence
- Celebration of individual subproject completions generates momentum and team morale
- Allows project to "work out the bugs" on low risk work

### **Develop Workforce Expertise and Culture Early-on**

#### Consider broader use of corporate design centers

- Greater concentration of expertise
- Lower rate structure
- Unaffected by press/media coverage
- Tend to have better unit rate

#### Challenge the use of the "Indigenous Workforce"

- Seen as long-term assignments design completion seen as a lay-off, not a celebration
- Come with preconceived ideas, training and culture
- Must establish sunset dates by position

### **Develop Workforce Expertise and Culture Early-on**

### Develop university and community college partnerships

- Technical staff
- Support staffs
- Construction
- Start-up and operations

### Establish a formal on-boarding process and training

- Procedures
- Design Tools
- Management expectations

### Improving Our Cost Estimating Capabilities

### Often a perception that we only want the *should* cost not the *could* cost

### **Escalation rates are difficult to predict**

- Long duration of DOE projects
- Construction labor trended down over the last 10 years
- Many bulk commodities are higher than projected
- Target a basket rate that covers up/down trends
- Scrutinize the escalation rate guidance

### The Challenge in Controlling Requirements Generation

### **First Set Them**

- Must improve our discipline
  - Challenging due to extended project durations
  - Evolving mission needs
- Better communication with program offices and end-users in early stages
- End-users must remain engaged

### The Challenge in Controlling Requirements Generation

### **Then Control Them**

Develop and Manage the Design Code of Record

- FPD Chairs a senior-level Change Control Board
- New departmental directives

Conduct comprehensive design reviews at pre-specified intervals

- Staff level interpretations
- Insidious creep of self-imposed requirements
- Essential or "Desire-ment"

### Some Elements of Fast-tracking Still Exist

### Balance/beware of risks from smart-parsing

- Long-lead procurements
- Site infrastructure work may be insufficient

### **False Sense of Urgency**

- Contractors will push to get to field fastest
- Risks are high and not out-weighed by hotel cost

### Design work out-paces the safety basis

- Safety basis will always be on or close to Critical Path
- Being out of phase has significant consequence

### Revitalizing the Procurement and Supply Chains

Developed partnerships with TVA, State and local governments

Advance buy bulk and raw materials – don't take receipt

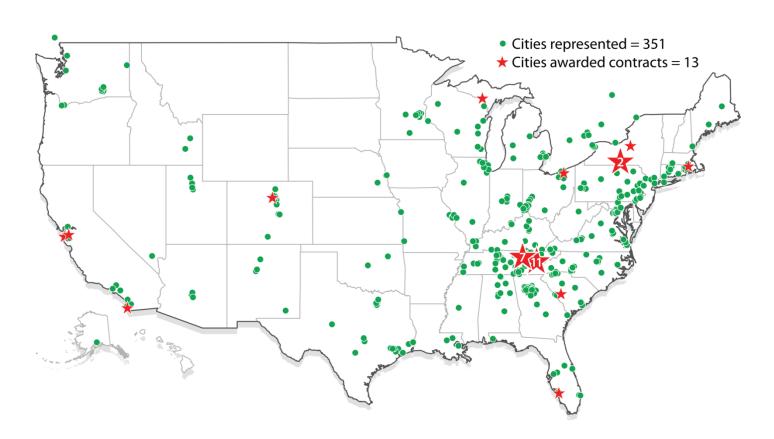
Developed program to train potential suppliers

### Managing procurement related risks

- Financial viability of long term vendor subcontracts
- Inefficiencies associated with "piece meal" approach to procurements over a long planning horizon

### Revitalizing the Procurement and Supply Chains

Developed catalog of materials, consumables & equipment Identified over 1000 potential vendors/suppliers



### **Contracting Strategies to Generate Competition**

### Smart-parsing facilitates use of multiple acquisition approaches

- Use of the USACE
- Federal direct managed contract
- Use of fixed-price and fixed unit rate
- Negotiation of site overhead rates

We are NOT limited to using the M&O Contractor