

**[M&O Authorization for a Non-competitive Extension]**

**AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE OPERATION OF  
THE [insert the name of the laboratory/site/facility]  
UNDER A MANAGEMENT AND OPERATING CONTRACT**

The [insert the name of the laboratory/site/facility] is currently managed and operated by [insert the name of the contractor] for the Department of Energy under DOE contract [insert contract number]. This contract is a Management and Operating (M&O) contract as defined in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 17.6. The current contract and the determination authorizing the M&O form of contract expire on [insert the expiration date]. A non-competitive extension is currently being pursued in accordance with FAR 6.301. [In one or two sentences, briefly describe the laboratory/site/facility mission].

The continued operation of [insert the name of the laboratory/site/facility] will require the type of contractual arrangement that, by both its purpose and special relationship it creates between the government and the contractor, is characterized as an M&O contract as defined in FAR 17.601. As set forth in FAR 17.602(a), the Head of an Agency may determine in writing to authorize contracting officers to enter into, or renew, M&O contracts in accordance with the agency's statutory authority, or the Competition in Contracting Act of 1984, and the agency's regulations governing such contracts.

As Head of the Agency, as defined in FAR 2.101, I hereby authorize the continued use of a management and operating contract arrangement for the operation of [insert the name of the laboratory/site/facility] during the period of [insert the starting date] through [insert the end date].

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[insert the Secretary of Energy's name]  
Secretary of Energy

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Date