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The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have jointly awarded a $27 million dollar contract to The Whitestone Group, Inc. Whitestone, a physical security company based in Columbus, OH, provides physical security for federal facilities in the United States and its Territories. Whitestone won the five year contract in a competitive bid process and will service the security needs of the two agencies at Research Triangle Park in North Carolina.

In another competitive bid process, Whitestone was awarded a $3.5 million, five year contract by the Department of Energy. Whitestone will provide security services for the agency's National Nuclear Security Administration facilities in Albuquerque, NM. "We already have several security contracts with these agencies and this was just a natural progression for us," said John D. Clark, Whitestone's President and CEO. "We look forward to a continued relationship with the three agencies while securing their critical facilities," Clark added.

According to Pam Gentile, Whitestone COO, several other contracts were awarded to the company within the last year. They include seven new contracts with the Federal Aviation Administration, bringing Whitestone's total number of FAA contracts to 41; the Environmental Protection Agency in Cincinnati, a five year renewal for the Department of Energy at two locations in Colorado, the Department of Energy's Sandia National Labs in New Mexico and California, and a five year renewal with the U.S. Treasury Department in Washington D.C.

Working out of his home, Clark founded Whitestone, a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business, in April 2000. Since then, the company has grown rapidly and has made its mark as one of the nation's premier providers of security services to the federal government. Whitestone has federal government contracts spanning the continental United States and its territories. They are responsible for protecting some of this country's greatest assets such as the Hoover Dam, the U.S. Coast Guard, NASA, FEMA, the Social Security Administration, The Veterans Administration, The Centers for Disease Control and the US Army.

The Whitestone Group has been recognized by *Government Security News* as the winner of the "Best Facility Security/Force Protection Service" in the country two years in a row. In addition, Whitestone has received the prestigious INC 5000 Award for the past five consecutive years -- breaking into the top 1000 in 2013. This award is presented to the fastest growing companies in the country.

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