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### **Navy to Proceed with Historic Hangar Cleanup**

**SAN DIEGO** – Kathy Stewart, the Department of Navy's Base Realignment and Closure Environmental Coordinator for Moffett Field informed members of the community who serve on the cleanup project's Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) that the Navy has proceeded with awarding a contract for the Hangar 1 cleanup effort.

In an e-mail distributed to all RAB members, Ms. Stewart stated that the Navy awarded the contract to AMEC Earth & Environmental, Inc. at a cost of \$22,363,463. The scope of the Navy's cleanup contract includes removal of the Hangar's contaminated siding, demolition of interior buildings, and application of a weather-resistant epoxy coating to the Hangar's structural steel frame. The period of performance for the contract is 2.5 years. While the specific project schedule has yet to be developed, Stewart's message indicated that the Navy anticipates field mobilization will occur approximately six months from date of award.

In the meantime, the Navy and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) are continuing discussions over responsibility for residing the hangar. The Navy and NASA recently involved the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in a proactive effort to resolve the impasse. These discussions are currently occurring in Washington, DC.

The Navy had initially planned on awarding the Removal Action Contract at the end of July, as a previous time critical removal action conducted on Hangar 1 in 2003 was nearing its useful life. In response to congressional and community requests to delay the Hangar 1 Removal Action Contract award, the Navy delayed the contract award until the end of August.

According to John Hill, the Navy's Base Closure Manager, "the ultimate goal remains protection of human health and the environment as well as compliance with the law." Mr. Hill stated that the Navy decided to proceed with award in order to ensure public safety. Furthermore, fiscal year and contract proposal expiration deadlines exist, necessitating an award prior to the end of

September. The Navy anticipates the OMB discussions will conclude in the near term, allowing for a determination on residing prior to the actual removal of the Hangar 1 siding. The Navy is hopeful that the community will recognize the need for protection of human health and the environment and confident that the needs of all involved parties can be met.

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