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BAGHDAD, Iraq – The U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville was selected to oversee the destruction of captured enemy ammunition in Iraq.

Coalition Joint Task Force 7 in Baghdad selected the Corps of Engineers to administer an estimated $287 million in contracts for four U.S. businesses. All of the selected firms competed and won contracts under an existing full and open competition acquisition to support the Engineering and Support Center's worldwide mission for ordnance and explosive cleanup.

Under the terms of the contracts, the businesses will collect captured enemy munitions from U.S. military personnel; determine whether the munitions are serviceable or unserviceable; and destroy selected munitions. The remainder will be stockpiled under U.S. control until further disposition is determined.

"These contracts will have three main purposes," said Glenn Earhart, Huntsville Center Ordnance and Explosives Directorate. "First, we will replace Department of Defense active military with Corps of Engineers contractors and employees so that the soldiers can return to their normal military duties. Second, so we can eventually return as much of these functions as possible to the people of Iraq providing them with additional job opportunities. Third, this mission will make Iraq safer for everyone by getting rid of ammunition scattered throughout the country."

"The reason Huntsville Center was selected is because we are an Army center of expertise for ordnance and explosives cleanup. We are responsive, can provide quality assurance and government oversight of the project," said Earhart. "It's all part of the Corps of Engineers support to the nation."

The contracts have been awarded to two large and two small businesses.
The four businesses are Parsons Corporation in Pasadena, Calif., Tetra Tech FW, Inc. in Pasadena, EOD Technology, Inc., in Knoxville, Tenn., and USA Environmental in Tampa, Fla.

Huntsville Center functions to a large extent like a private sector U.S. business with an international scope. Customers contract for the center's innovative engineering services and products. In return, Center employees commit to provide quality services and products in the most cost-efficient way possible.

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