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**U.S. Department of Energy Office of Legacy Management
Announces Intent to Offer Uranium Leases for Competitive Bid**

(Grand Junction, CO) — The U.S. Department of Energy Office of Legacy Management (DOE–LM) announces today its intent to offer its inactive uranium lease tracts to the domestic uranium industry through a competitive web-based solicitation. The lands to be offered for bid are located within the Uravan Mineral Belt in the western portions of Mesa, Montrose, and San Miguel Counties, Colorado, and include lands withdrawn from the public domain in the late 1940s and early 1950s for use by the U.S. Government, plus patented mining claims acquired by the U.S. Government in 1949.

DOE–LM’s leasing authority was set forth in *Domestic Uranium Production Circular 8, Revised*, published in the *Federal Register* dated August 10, 1973 (38 F.R. 21644). This authority has been codified in Title 10 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 760, “*Domestic Uranium Program*.” The *Uranium Leasing Program Programmatic Environmental Assessment* for leasing these lands was completed in July 2007, and DOE–LM issued a *Finding of No Significant Impact* for its preferred Expanded Program alternative on July 5, 2007.

The invitation to bid is scheduled to be formally issued on or about December 1, 2007. Parties interested in participating in this solicitation process should forward their contact information to the DOE–LM address provided below. Contact information should include:

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Contact Name, Title

Company Affiliation (if any)

Mailing Address

Phone Number(s) (all that are applicable)

E-mail Address

Contact information should be forwarded to:

U.S. Department of Energy

Uranium Leasing Program

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