through the summer, with workers expected to finish the structural steel skeleton and install metal siding on the walls and roof to fully enclose the building by this fall. The completed structure will be more than 150 feet wide and 120 feet tall. The design allows for routine inspections of the reactor every five years. Additional safety features include new lighting between the structure and the reactor building, as well as upgraded lighting inside the building.

The K East Reactor operated from 1955 to 1971 and will be the seventh of Hanford’s nine former plutonium production reactors to be placed in interim safe storage. The K West Reactor will be the eighth. The ninth, the B Reactor, has been preserved as the world’s first full-scale plutonium production reactor and is part of the National Park Service’s Manhattan Project National Historical Park. Hanford’s other six reactors were cocooned between 1998 and 2012.

**NORWAY**

**Jacobs, Multiconsult to plan nuclear decommissioning program**

A joint venture of Jacobs and Oslo-based engineering company Multiconsult Norge have been selected by Norsk Nyklear Dekomisjonering (NDD) to plan the decommissioning of Norway’s nuclear facilities. NDD is the state-run enterprise responsible for the decommissioning of Norway’s nuclear facilities and radioactive waste management.

The initial focus of the framework contract, which has an estimated value of up to