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**NEW ETHICS OFFICER NAMED AT MISSION SUPPORT ALLIANCE**

RICHLAND, Wash. – As part of continued efforts in transparency and government and taxpayer accountability, Hanford contractor Mission Support Alliance (MSA) has announced a new Ethics Officer. Kathrine (Kadi) Bence has been named the MSA Ethics Officer and will report directly to the company president.

The role of the Ethics Officer has been expanded to increase the visibility and importance of this program both internally and externally and to provide a greater level of transparency. Kadi's responsibilities will include coordination and oversight of the integrated ethics and compliance program, evaluation of program effectiveness and employee outreach. She will provide guidance and assistance to employees and management in reviewing and resolving matters regarding ethics and compliance in the workplace.

MSA president Bob Wilkinson explains the importance of an Ethics Officer. "As a contractor to the Department of Energy we have a responsibility to be great stewards of the taxpayer dollar, we want to ensure the highest level of ethical behavior and business compliance. This expanded role will help us to do that – serving as a resource for employees at all levels and helping to streamline our Ethics and Compliance Program. Kadi's experience, integrity and questioning attitude will serve her well in this role."

Kadi has been with MSA for 7 years and brings nearly 30 years of experience to the position. Kadi has a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Washington State University and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business from Gonzaga University.

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**About MSA**

Mission Support Alliance, a team of [Leidos](#) and [Centerra Group](#), has responsibility for the Mission Support Contract at the Hanford Site. MSA provides a number of cross-cutting services to the DOE and other contractors at the Hanford Site to facilitate cleanup activities. MSA is responsible for areas such as site infrastructure, utilities, transportation, environmental integration, safety, emergency services and training, external affairs, information management and portfolio management. MSA: Partnering to move the mission forward. <https://msa.hanford.gov>

