

Mount Vernon lab is awarded a \$49M contract

ARDL is an environmental firm located at the airport

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MOUNT VERNON — The local environmental lab and consulting firm ARDL, Inc. was recently awarded a \$49 million Multiple Award Task Order firm-fixed-price contract from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District.

The contract is for environmental consulting services and may cover a wide range of services, said Rob Dismang, vice president of environmental services for ARDL. These services may include things like environmental consulting and remediation, excavation, air monitoring and remediation, industrial hygiene surveys, and more.

Work locations and funding will be determined with each order, with an estimated completion date for the contract of April 7, 2027, states an ARDL news release. The specific details of ARDL's planned work for this contract have not been announced.

"For a small business like ours, that's a pretty good contract," Dismang said. "We've been a long-time contract holder with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers."

Dismang said ARDL has been a contract holder with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for about 25 years and this new contract is one of the largest ARDL has ever had with them. The first contract ARDL received from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was for roughly \$600,000 over a five-year period.

"So we've increased our capacity with them," Dismang said, later

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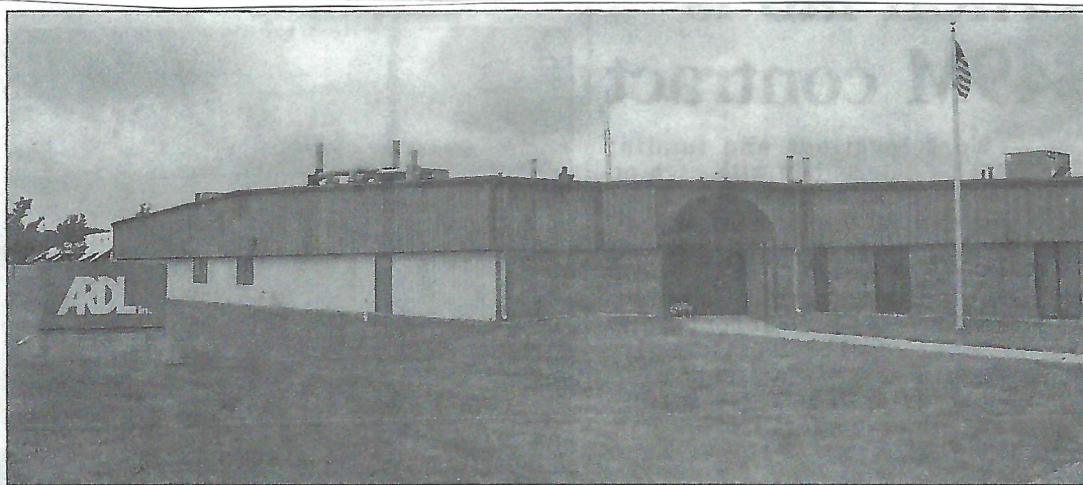
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adding of the new \$49 million contract, "We compete against firms all across the country. We compete with large firms, small firms from all around the country. ... It is absolutely a big

deal, especially for a small firm. Winning a contract like that is a testament to how good our employees are."

ARDL has about 35 full-time employees and has more employees in the summer months because of the excavation portion of the business. The firm has a lot of seasonal employees, Dismang said.



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MAJOR CONTRACT — ARDL, Inc. of Mount Vernon has been awarded a \$49 million contract for environmental consulting services from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District.

ARDL, Inc. is located at 400 Aviation Drive on the grounds of the Mount Vernon Outland Airport. The company's website describes ARDL as a woman-owned small business that provides many services in the environmental services industry. These services are in the categories of environmental studies and assessments, environmental services, engineering and consulting, research and development projects, and program management, the website states.

The company was first established in Mount Vernon in 1971 by Dr. L.V. Gibbons, Sentinel archives state. ARDL has grown to include a staff of highly trained scientists, engineers and technical specialists, providing a wide range of services in the fields of chemistry, engineering, the environmental sciences, industrial hygiene, safety training and petroleum technology, the website states.

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