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## **In-sourcing of Vance Simulator Jobs Takes Place**

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ENID — The conversion of simulator instructor jobs at Vance Air Force Base from contract to government service went ahead as scheduled Friday.

Shortly after 8 a.m. 75 employees — 73 simulator instructors and two support clerks — were sworn in as government service employees, said Bob Farrell, chief of community relations at Vance.

“Once they signed the paperwork, they are government service employees,” he said.

The move had been expected, despite a last-minute offer by URS Federal Support Services Inc. to match the savings the Air Force said it would achieve through in-sourcing the jobs.

Lear Siegler Services, a division of URS that employs some 400 simulator instructors throughout Air Education and Training Command, including at Vance, was informed in December the company’s three-year contract, which expired at midnight Thursday, would not be renewed and the jobs converted to government service.

Some 10 percent of the 85 instructors and support personnel under the current LSI contract were not re-hired. Those who have will take an average pay cut of \$18,000, according to Vance sim instructors, which will have an estimated negative economic impact on Enid of \$1.5 million to \$2 million annually.