



## Important Resources

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## Welcome

Welcome to our March issue - feels like Spring is here! With temperatures soaring remember to wear sunscreen, sunglasses, and hats for protection from the direct sun.

## Meet Thomas Burwinkle



Thomas (Tom) W. Burwinkle is a Subcontract Administrator for URS | CH2M Oak Ridge LLC (UCOR). He has more than 24 years experience in environmental management positions at East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP). He recently awarded the large staff augmentation subcontract to ten different small businesses.

From 1998 until 2011, Tom worked for Bechtel Jacobs Company LLC with dual roles as a Subcontract Administrator and Subcontract Technical Representative (STR). He led subcontract formation and proposal evaluation teams for requests for proposals for facility management, surveillance, inspection, and a technical services staff augmentation subcontract. He served as STR and administrator for construction and demolition subcontracts as well.

From 1985 to 1998, he was a senior program manager for Lockheed Martin Energy Systems. From 1976 to 1985, he worked at Martin Marietta Energy Systems as a group leader for K-25

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Tom earned a Bachelor of Engineering in Materials Science and Engineering from Vanderbilt University. He grew up in Kentucky and moved to Tennessee while working on his degree. He has been working in Oak Ridge since 1976. He and his wife, Nicki have two daughters.

He enjoys boating and living on the lake in Kingston. He loves to water ski and every year at Summer Solstice (longest day) which occurs around 21st of June he likes to water ski at 9 p.m. as it is just getting dark. Tom also likes to race boats, and has his pilot's license and flies every chance he gets.

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## UCOR Has Second Protégé Subcontractor

UCOR actively participates in the DOE Mentor-Protégé program, assisting the small businesses in improving and expanding their capabilities and helping to strengthen their core competencies so that they can qualify for additional subcontracts. Please welcome UCOR's second protégé approved in January.

Veterans Contracting Solutions Group, LLC (VCSG) is a Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business specializing in Civil Contracting and headquartered in East Tennessee. VCSG is dedicated to providing quality construction, technical, and management service to their customers. VCSG maintains licenses in numerous construction specialties and provides consulting services for a wide variety of project types. They are U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - CQM, DOT, TDEC, HAZWOPER, Tennessee Drug-free, and OSHA certified. VCSG's core competencies include:

- Excavation, grading, clearing, and demolition
- Environmental remediation
- Landfill construction and remediation
- Underground utilities installation and repair

VCSG's mission is to provide avenues of successful employment to American veterans, as they provide the highest quality of recruiting, training, and construction services to the federal government and private sector.



UCOR Small Business Program Manager Karen Reeve with Dave Hayner, Owner of VCSG, at the 2012 WM Conference

## Legislative Briefs

**House Bill to Amend the Small Business Act to Ensure Certain Contracts are Set Aside for Small Business (originally published by the Corporate Small Business Liaison Office)**

H.R. 2424, introduced on July 6, 2011 as the "Expanding Opportunities for Main Street Act of 2011," is a companion bill to H.R. 1902 and S. 1334. If passed, the bill would amend the Small Business Act to allow for greater participation in the Disadvantaged Business Assistance Program and elevate the small business procurement goal for all federally designated small businesses to 25 percent. In addition, the bill would raise the cap for contracts set aside for small businesses from \$100,000 to \$500,000. The bill would broaden the definition of "contract bundling" to force contracting officers to break up large contracts in order to increase small business participation. The bill has been referred to the Small Business Committee, Financial Services Committee, Oversight and Government Reform Committee, and Ways and Means Committee Entrepreneurship.



# UCOR Participates in 38th Annual WM Conference

UCOR participated in the 38th Annual Waste Management Conference, held in Phoenix, Arizona, from Feb. 26 to March 1. This event is regarded as the premier international conference for the management of radioactive materials and related topics. The kickoff sessions this year were dedicated to Japan and the Fukushima incident.

On Feb. 28, the DOE featured site was the Oak Ridge Reservation. “Oak Ridge Day” focused on the unique challenges and creative solutions that are associated with the cleanup of the three sites that comprise the Oak Ridge Reservation. The sessions focused on the following:

- Part 1 - Oak Ridge Vital for the Future of Our Nation
- Part 2 - Environmental Challenges and Solutions
- Part 3 - Partnering to Move Oak Ridge Forward
- Part 4 - Innovation and Enabling the Future

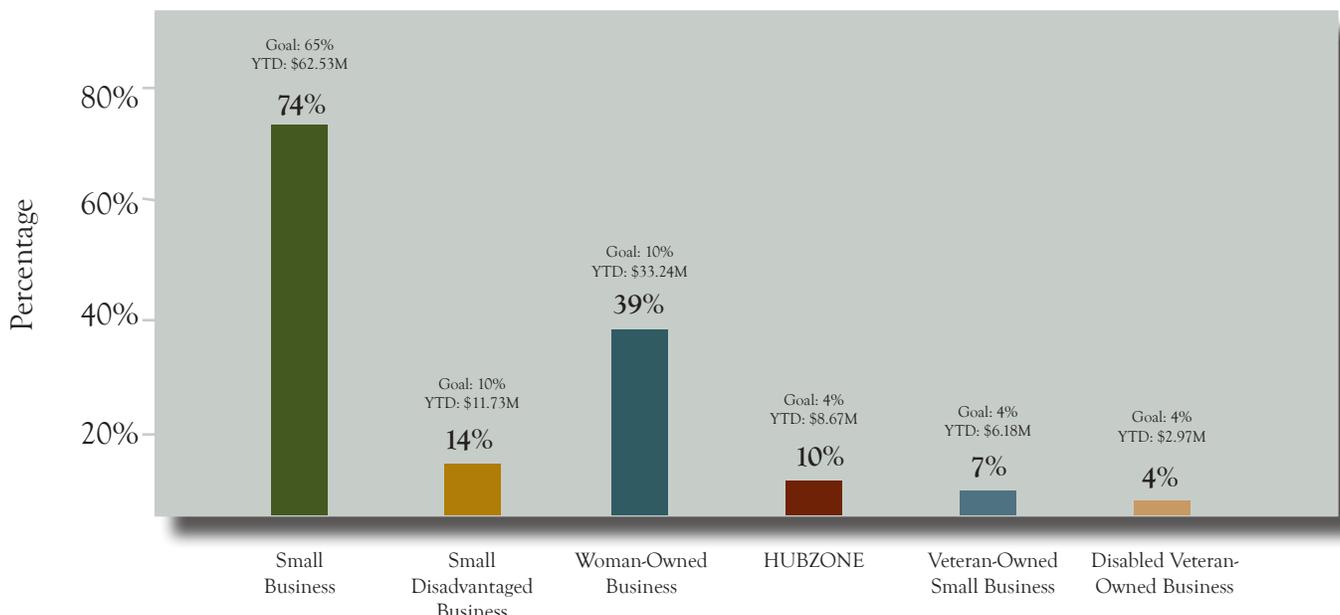
Wayne McKinney and Veronica O’Hearn, UCOR Public Affairs and Communications, and Karen Reeve worked the UCOR booth during the conference, collectively meeting vendors and explaining how to do business at UCOR. They distributed flyers with information about ETPP and received many business cards from companies for future business opportunities. UCOR’s protégé TOPS had their own booth in the exhibit hall. VCSG participated in the UCOR booth and met with many businesses.



Wayne McKinney, Karen Reeve, and Veronica O’Hearn supporting “Oak Ridge Day”

## UCOR Small Business Statistics

Summary FY 2012: Percent of Subcontract Dollars Placed with Socioeconomic Firms



*“You may never know what results come from your action. But, if you do nothing, there will be no result.”*

Mahatma Gandhi

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## What is a NAICS Code?

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) manual classifies establishments based on the type of business activity in which they are engaged. Each solicitation for a federal procurement (i.e., prime contract or subcontract) is assigned an NAICS code that best describes the goods or services being acquired and the principal purpose of the procurement.

Each NAICS code has a corresponding size standard. See [www.sba.gov/size/](http://www.sba.gov/size/). The Small Business Administration establishes small business size standards on an industry-by-industry basis. They correlate to the NAICS code published in the NAICS manual and apply to all federal prime contracts and subcontracts.

The size standards are set forth in 13 CFR Part 121 and the FAR 19.102 (48 CFR 19.102). Size standards that are preceded by a dollar sign (\$) are expressed in the millions of dollars and represent average gross annual receipts over the firm's last three completed fiscal years. Generally, size standards not expressed in dollars represent the average number of full-time employees. Employee-based standards are used for manufacturing/wholesaling industries. The size standard includes the concern's affiliates' employees/revenue.

Karen Reeve keeps a printed copy of the NAICS Code Manual at her desk. Feel free to come and use it.