



Update on SAM

The System for Award Management (SAM), which combined nine systems that the federal community and those who want to do business with the government use regularly, is experiencing some issues. Please be patient while the system administrators work out all the problems. The website is <http://sam.gov>.

Meet Steve Watson

Steve Watson, a Knoxville native whose blood definitely runs orange, is a senior subcontract administrator in UCOR Subcontracts, Procurement, and Property.

Married 38 years to his 8th grade sweetheart, Steve and his wife have two grown children and two grandchildren under 5, all living in the Knoxville area.

Steve graduated from West High School and the University of Tennessee with a bachelor's degree in Business Management. A life-long avid golfer, Steve also enjoys UT football and basketball and is a veteran supporter of the UT athletic program. He and his wife hold huge tailgate events at every football game. They set up at G10 and often have more than 100 guests. Steve's other hobby is riding motorcycles with his wife. He recently sold his Harley "Fatboy" and is contemplating his next motorcycle.

Steve began his career at the ETTP site more than 30 years ago, working as a senior engineering assistant with Union Carbide on the Gas Centrifuge Project. Since that time, Steve has worked in Contracting, Procurement, and Purchasing, and he currently administers technical and professional service agreements for the UCOR Environmental Compliance and Construction Services Group.



Steve Watson



Welcome

It's "back to school" time—summer is over for students. Drive carefully and watch out for children crossing the street or dodging in front of you.

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URS Small Business & Supplier Diversity Program

URS has more than 47,000 employees and operations in more than 40 countries. URS Corporation's policy is that small businesses—including veteran-owned small businesses, service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses, and woman-owned small businesses—shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to compete for the procurement of goods and services, according to Sam Artis, director of the Small Business Liaison Office for URS.

This corporate commitment extends to the procurement of all goods and services, whether the purchases support (1) federal, state, or local governments, (2) commercial clients, or (3) in-house needs.

URS Corporation is committed to an effective supplier diversity program that demonstrates measurable improvement from year to year, is consistent with recognized industry objectives and applications, is consistent with contractual expectations of our clients, and that maximizes procurement opportunities for small business concerns to the fullest extent consistent with efficient contract performance.



Sam Artis, Director of the URS Small Business Liaison Office, is pictured center. Also pictured are Joe Chavarria, SBPM Washington TRU Solutions, and Tess Klatt, SBPM Washington River Protection Solutions.

URS Small Business Meeting

A Small Business Program Manager Meeting, hosted by Sam Artis, was held in Knoxville on July 11. Sam Artis welcomed everyone made introductions. Sean White, Director, Business Development URS-SMS, was a special guest. Joe Chavarria, Rick Purvis and Vince Maivelett were new this year.

The following presentations (summaries of each site) were made by the Small Business Program Managers (SBPM) from each site:

- Washington River Protection Solutions (Tess Klatt)
- URS | CH2M Oak Ridge LLC (Karen Reeve)
- Washington Closure Hanford (Jason Sperling)
- Washington TRU Solutions (Joe Chavarria)
- Savannah River Remediation (Rick Purvis)
- URS Research & Engineering Services Update - Tess Klatt for Kim Dawson
- EM Strategic Sourcing (John Robinson)

URS Corporation Small Business Program Overview - Sam Artis

Sam concluded the meeting by discussing the following items:

- FY11 and FY 12 Achievements



The Small Business Program Managers presented Sam Artis a Commitment to Excellence Award. Pictured with Artis are, from left, Tess Klatt and Karen Reeve, UCOR Small Business Manager.

- Mentor Protégé Program
- NAICS Code Changes
- System for Award Management (SAM)
- URS Outreach Activities
- Website Updates
- URS Awards

Congratulations to the Puridiom Team

Puridiom is UCOR’s procurement replacement system for BPS and BCS and is now available for use. It has taken a very dedicated core team working long hours, nights, and weekends during several months to implement. Thanks to Russ James, Lynn Humphreys, Mike Dorsey, Patrick Mullen, and Chris Edwards for all their hard work. Also, thanks to all the people that were called in to help with different aspects of this project. It was a huge undertaking and one that will benefit UCOR for many years.

For general question and training information, check the Puridiom Intranet page at <http://intranet.ettp.gov/Procurement/index.html>.

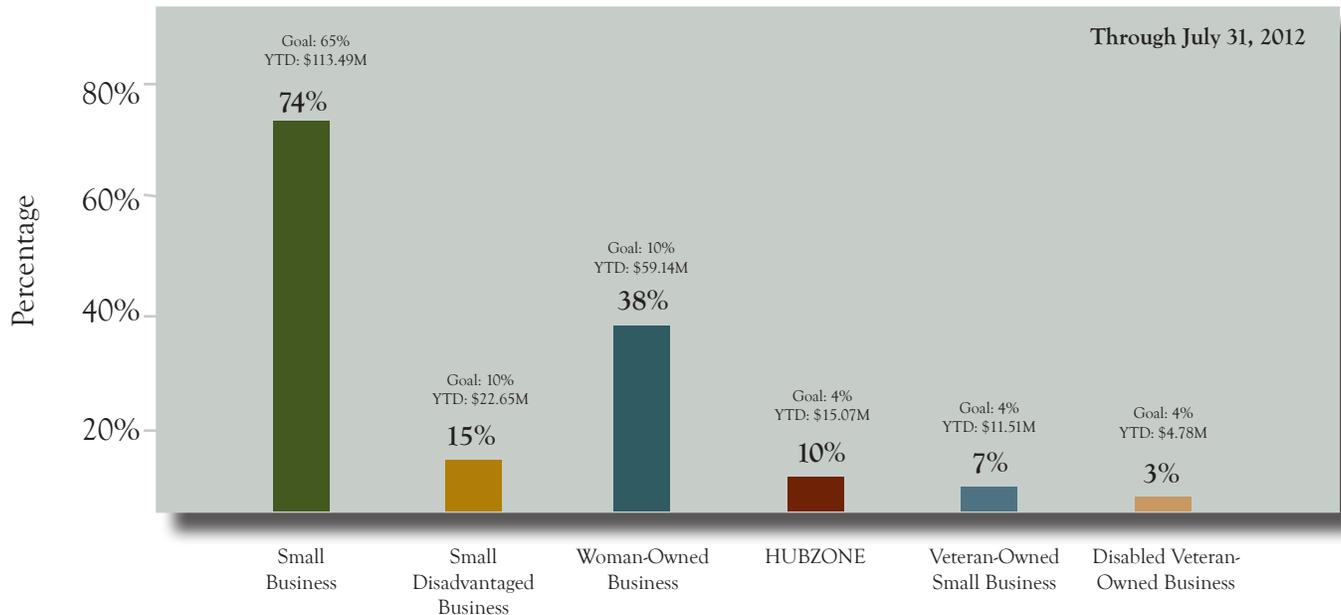
In preparing for battle, I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

UCOR is committed to small businesses.

UCOR Small Business Statistics

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



We would love to hear from you! Please contact us at (865) 576-5643 (phone), or Karen.reeve@ettp.doe.gov (email).

Legislative Briefs

Crowdfunding & the JOBS Act: What does it mean?

Crowdfunding (sometimes called crowd financing or crowd sourced capital) describes collective cooperation. A few months ago the President signed a crowdfunding bill into law.

This law comes as part of the JOBS Act and has the potential to change the way businesses raise capital in the very near future.

The most important things to know about the law are:

- Entrepreneurs can raise up to \$1M annually from as many people as they want and it's important to note that there are no restrictions on who can be an investor.
- Investments will be capped at \$100K, per investor, per year.
- Entrepreneurs looking to raise funds under this bill must have their businesses incorporated in the United States before fund-raising starts.
- Businesses will also be required to file financial information annually with the SEC and disclose their business plan.
- All fund-raising must go through a registered crowdfunding platform.

Benefits to small businesses are really great. You can start raising money earlier on in your business' life cycle, and you can accept investments from anyone, including unaccredited investor (family, friends) with a net worth less than \$1M.



We were honored to have Sean White, Director, Business Development URS Safely Management Solutions, attend both the Small Business Summit and the corporate Small Business Program Manager's meeting. Sean works extensively with small businesses throughout the country in both government and commercial arenas. Sean is pictured (on the right) with Vince Maivelett, Manager, Subcontracts, Procurement and Property for UCOR.