



## FOCI Training

On Sept. 10, Miranda Goss, provided classroom training entitled “Foreign Ownership, Control or Influence (FOCI)” to the Subcontracts and Procurement Group.



## Welcome

American football starts both collegiate and professional seasons this month. Labor Day is typically the first Monday, and many families celebrate the first week by holding parties and playing backyard football. Hope everyone had a safe Labor Day weekend.

## Meet Nancy Harris

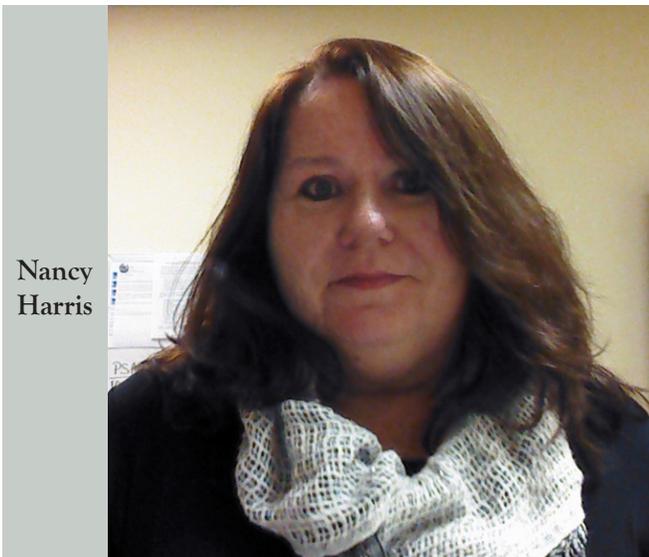
Nancy has worked at the ETPP site since June 2009. She currently works for Spectra Tech, a subcontractor to UCOR Procurement, as a Subcontract Administrator reporting to Vince Maivelett, Manager, Subcontracts, Procurement and Property. She has more than 14 years of Procurement experience in the government contracting arena.

Prior to ETPP, Nancy worked at Wackenhut Services, Inc. as administrative support for Oak Ridge Protective Force with many responsibilities, such as office manager, logistics coordinator, and corporate records management and document control specialist. She also worked for Workforce 2000 located at Wackenhut Services Inc. as a procurement buyer.

Nancy and her husband, John, have been married 25 years and have lived in Oak Ridge for 20. Her daughter, Jenifer, attends Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville, Tenn.

Nancy earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Management in 2007 from Tusculum College.

She enjoys camping with all her family once a year. She volunteers regularly at the Oak Ridge Playhouse. She enjoys reading and is a founding member of the Effin’ Book Club. Nancy also loves Pinterest (internet site) and often makes Pinterest inspired cards.



Nancy Harris

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## Maivelett Speaks at ETEBA Meeting



Vince Maivelett, UCOR Manager of Subcontracts, Procurement and Property, was the guest speaker at the Aug. 23 meeting of the Energy Technology and Environmental Business Association (ETEBA) at the Holiday Inn Cedar Bluff, Knoxville.

Vince's presentation addressed UCOR's mission, subcontracting approach, and small business commitments. He emphasized that safety is UCOR's top priority. He also explained the staff augmentation subcontracting approach and process.

He invited the small businesses to come and talk to him after his speech, and many took advantage of the opportunity to speak with him as well as Karen Reeve, UCOR Small Business Manager.

Vince Maivelett was the guest speaker at the ETEBA Aug. 23 meeting.

## History of Small Business (1st in a series)

President Herbert Hoover created the Reconstruction Finance Corporation (RFC) in 1932 to alleviate the financial crisis of the Great Depression. The RFC was a federal lending program for all businesses hurt by the Depression, large and small. The RFC was modeled after the War Finance Corporation of World War I. The RFC gave \$2 billion in aid to state and local governments and made loans to banks, railroads, farm mortgage associations, and other businesses. Bureaucratic infighting and partisan politics plagued the RFC's efforts and it failed to reverse the growth of mass unemployment before 1933.

Starting 1933, Franklin Delano Roosevelt kept the RFC, increased its funding, streamlined the bureaucracy, and used it to help restore business prosperity, especially in banking and railroads.

Although charges of political influence and racial discrimination were levied against RFC activities, the agency made positive contributions and established a federal presence, which provided a reservoir of experienced personnel to implement the expanding New Deal programs.

Concern for small business intensified during World War II, when large industries beefed up production to accommodate wartime defense contracts and smaller businesses were unable to compete. To help small business participate in war production and give them financial vi-

ability, Congress created the Small War Plants Corporation (SWPC) in 1942.

SWPC provided direct loans to private entrepreneurs, encouraged large financial institutions to make credit available to small enterprises, and advocated small business interests to federal procurement agencies and big businesses. SWPC was dissolved after the war, and its lending and contract powers were handed over to the RFC.

At this time, the Office of Small Business (OSB) in the Department of Commerce also assumed some responsibilities that would later become characteristic duties of the Small Business Administration. OSB services were primarily educational. Believing that a lack of information and expertise was the main cause of small business failure, OSB produced brochures and conducted management counseling for individual entrepreneurs.

Congress created another wartime organization to handle small business concerns during the Korean War, this time called the Small Defense Plants Administration (SDPA).

SDPA functions were similar to those of the SWPC, except that ultimate lending authority was retained by the RFC. SDPA certified small businesses to the RFC when it had determined the businesses were competent to per-

## History of Small Business (continued)

form the work of government contracts.

By 1952, a move was on to abolish the RFC. To continue the important functions of the earlier agencies, President Dwight Eisenhower proposed creation of a new small business Agency ~ the Small Business Administration (SBA). This was partly in response to the economic boom the United States experienced following World War II, which created greater opportunities for the creation of new small businesses.

In the Small Business Act of July 30, 1953 (Public Law 85-536, as amended), the SBA's charter was to "aid, counsel, assist, and protect, insofar as is possible, the interests of small business concerns in order to preserve free competitive enterprise...and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of the nation."

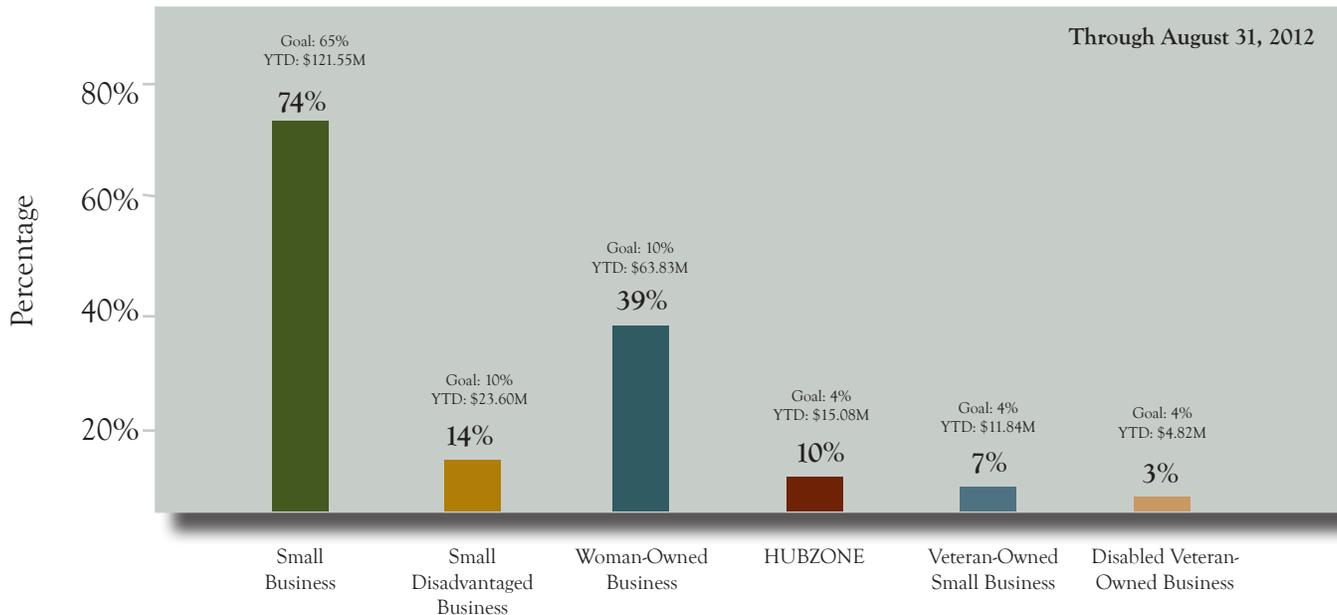
Through this Act, Congress hoped to help small businesses compete in international markets by enhancing their ability to export; facilitating technology transfers;

enhancing their ability to compete effectively and efficiently disseminating information concerning state, federal, and private programs to enhance the ability of small businesses to compete; and ensuring that the interests of small businesses are adequately represented. The charter also stipulated that the SBA would ensure small businesses a "fair proportion" of government contracts and sales of surplus property.

*UCOR is committed to small businesses.*

## UCOR Small Business Statistics

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



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## From the White House

### Accelerated Payments from Small Business Subcontractors

On July 11, the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) released Memorandum 12-16, Providing Prompt Payment to Small Business Subcontractors. This memorandum expands on the policy OMB established Sept. 14, 2011, Memorandum 11-32, which directed agencies to accelerate contract payments made to small business prime contractors. Agencies have now been directed to take steps to encourage accelerated payment from prime contractors of any size to their small business subcontractors. To facilitate this acceleration in the immediate term, the memo directs agencies to temporarily establish an earlier, accelerated date for making agency payments to all prime contractors and then encourage prime contractors to accelerate payments to their small business subcontractors.

To assist in this effort, OMB has requested that the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council (FAR Council) develop standard wording for a clause that would be included in the agency's contract with the prime contractor, pursuant to a deviation, providing for prompt payment from the prime contractor to its small business subcontractors, more information will be provided as it is available.

These efforts are providing significant benefits to small businesses by allowing them to better manage payroll and other expenses, to reduce reliance on interest-bearing lines of credit and improve relationships with their own suppliers by providing payments earlier.



## Contractor Purchasing System Review

Per Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 44.301, the objective of a CPSR is to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of a contractor's practices as they relate to the procurement of goods and services and compliance with regulatory requirements related to subcontracting.

The CPSR is performed by the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA), and the results of the CPSR serve as the basis for the approval of a contractor's purchasing system by its Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO).

A CPSR includes a review of procurement related to the acquisition of goods and services as well as the award

and administration of subcontracts. The review includes both direct and indirect purchasing actions.

Members of UCOR procurement volunteered their time and formed a CPSR team to prepare for the CPSR review scheduled for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2013. Vince Maivelett, Manager of Subcontracts, Procurement and Property, thanked his team by presenting certificates and taking the team to lunch.

The team members were Judy Best, Nancy Harris, Cindy Hart, Joe Hudson, Karen Reeve, Misty Tanner, Lacresha Seiber, and Nick Weddington.

*Business is never so healthy, as when, like a chicken, it must do a certain amount of scratching for what it gets.*

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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