



## Welcome

Fall is here, and the days are getting shorter and cooler. Make sure that your homes heating systems have been serviced and work properly.

Also, watch out for children as they go to and from school, especially in the dark mornings and evenings.

Remember Halloween, one the world's oldest holidays, is Oct. 31. Be extra careful as children are darting around excitedly in their costumes.

## Halloween Trivia

Every October, carved pumpkins peer out from porches and doorsteps in the United States and other parts of the world. Gourd-like orange fruits inscribed with ghoulish faces and illuminated by candles are a sure sign of the Halloween season. The practice of decorating "jack-o-lanterns"—the name comes from an Irish folktale about a man named Stingy Jack—originated in Ireland, where large turnips and potatoes served as an early canvas. Irish immigrants brought the tradition to America, home of the pumpkin, and it became an integral part of Halloween festivities.



## Meet Misty Tanner

One of the most recent additions to the Procurement team, Misty Tanner, is a graduate of Tennessee Technological University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Business Marketing. Misty was hired by Bechtel Jacobs Company (BJC) as a Purchasing Specialist in 2009. Since then she has worked hard to excel in all aspects of Purchasing, receiving BJC's Double Diamond award several times. Misty was asked by the Project Manager of the Power Transition Team to be its Procurement representative and manages the rental agreement for 385-UHD for the East Wing Demolition of K-25. She was responsible for the purchase of the PURIDIOM, and procures all personal protective equipment for the site. Misty was also a member of the Contractor Purchasing System Review team for UCOR in 2012.

Misty is married to Barret Tanner, the General Manager at the Knoxville Municipal Golf Course, and is the proud mother of 21-month-old son Ian. Misty and her husband

attend Faith Promise Church in Knoxville, where they are Small Group leaders. Some of Misty's interests include UT sports (GO BIG ORANGE!), golf, and spending time with her family. She is an avid wakeboarder in warm weather, and enjoys snowboarding in the winter.



Misty Tanner

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## Procurement News

The procurement group welcomes our new neighbors, ENERCON, in Bldg. 1007, second floor.

Vince Maivelett is now Manager of Project Services and is assigned responsibility for Document Control & Records Management, along with his previous responsibilities for Subcontracts, Procurement and Property.

## Procurement Training

Judy Best will provide classroom training entitled “Davis Bacon” to the Subcontracts and Procurement Group later this month.



Judy Best

## History of Small Business (2nd in a series)

By 1954, the Small Business Administration (SBA) already was making direct business loans and guaranteeing bank loans to small businesses, as well as helping business owners with management and technical assistance and business training.

The investment Company Act of 1958 established the Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) Program, whose creation was the result of a Federal Reserve study that showed that small businesses could not get the credit they needed to keep pace with technological advancement.

Under the SBIC, the SBA licensed, regulated, and helped provide funds for private venture capital investment firms. These venture capital firms specialized in providing long-term debt and equity investments to high-risk small businesses.

In 1964, SBA began to attack poverty through the Equal Opportunity Loan (EOL) Program. The EOL Program relaxed the credit and collateral requirements for applicants living below the poverty level in an effort to encourage new businesses that had been unable to attract financial backing, but were nevertheless sound commercial initiatives.

Throughout the last quarter of the Twentieth Century, the small business program has expanded to include specifically targeted minority and socially disadvantaged groups.

President Nixon issued Executive Order 11625 on Oct. 13, 1971, authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to coordinate plans, programs, and operations of the Federal government, which would affect Minority Business Enterprises (MBE). Heads of federal agencies are to furnish information, assistance, and reports on MBE activity as requested by the Secretary of Commerce as well as devel-

op and implement systematic data collection processes, which will provide the Office of Minority Business Enterprise Information Center current data helpful to evaluating and promoting MBE efforts.

On May 18, 1979, President Carter issued Executive Order 1238 creating a National Women’s Business Enterprise Policy and prescribing arrangements for developing, coordinating and implementing a national program for Women’s Business Enterprise. The Order directs each federal agency to take appropriate action to facilitate, preserve and strengthen women’s business enterprise by ensuring their participation in all business related activities including procurement.

Congress passed Public Law 96-354 on Sept. 19, 1980, with purpose of encouraging agencies to utilize innovative administrative procedures in dealing with small businesses, small organizations, and small governmental bodies that would otherwise be unnecessarily adversely affected by regulations.

President Reagan signed Executive Order 12432 on July 14, 1983, directing each federal agency having substantial procurement or grant making authority to develop a minority business development plan and establish programs concerning provision of direct assistance, procurement assistance and management and technical assistance to MBEs.

In 1988, the SBA Act was amended (Public Law 100-656) to reform the Capital Ownership Development (Section 8(a) Program). This amendment tightened the requirements of the 8(a) program to among other things, reduce the time it took to enter the program, established time frames for staying in the program and established requirements for GAO program reviews and periodic SBA reviews of 8(a) certified firms.

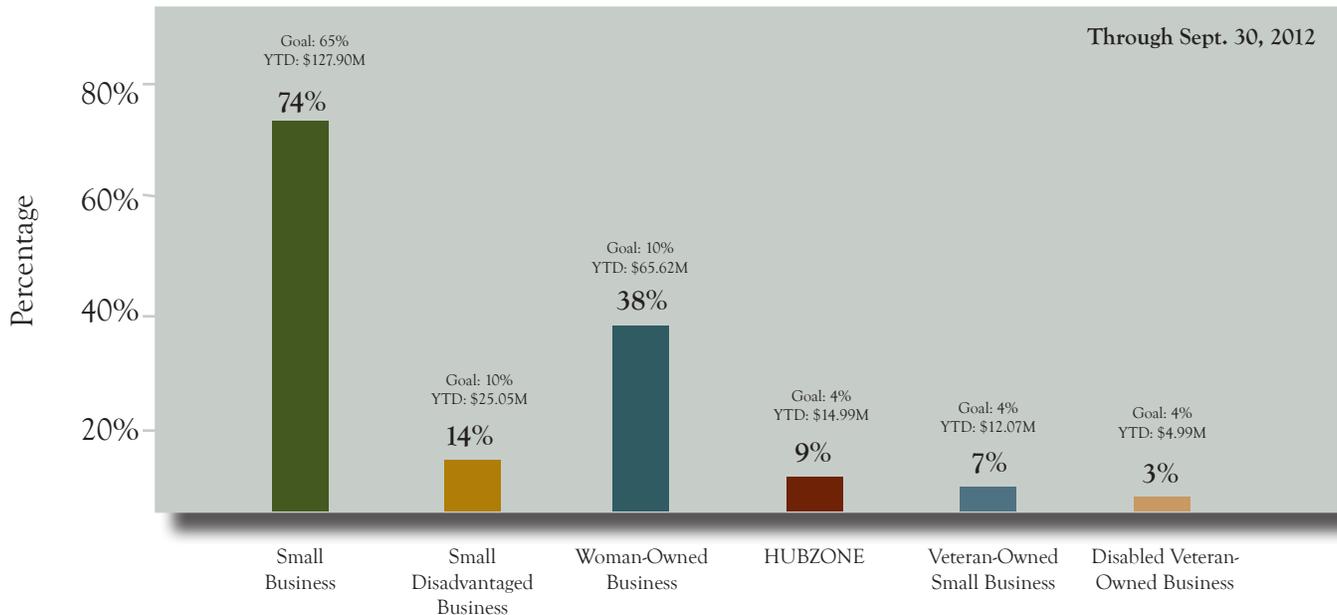
## Columbus Day

Columbus Day first became an official state holiday in Colorado in 1906, and became a federal holiday in 1937, though people have celebrated Columbus' voyage since the colonial period. In 1792, New York City and other U.S. cities celebrated the 300th anniversary of his landing in the New World. President Benjamin Harrison called upon the people of the United States to celebrate Columbus Day on the 400th anniversary of the event. During the four hundredth anniversary in 1892, teachers, preachers, poets and politicians used Columbus Day rituals to teach ideas of patriotism.



## UCOR Small Business Statistics

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



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## From the White House

### Maximizing Opportunities for Small Business Under the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (SAT)

On April 25, 2012, White House Small Business Procurement Group meet to discuss steps to insure small businesses are utilized to the maximum extent practicable. Agencies are required to automatically set aside work for small businesses that is equal to or less than the value of SAT (generally \$150,000). Federal Procurement Data System suggests that opportunities to small business are being lost. Agencies are being asked to take additional steps to consistently apply set-asides.

In the near future, the Small Business Administration (SBA) will provide each agency with an analysis of its contracts falling under the SAT that have not been awarded to small businesses. SBA expects agencies to monitor their SAT performance and take appropriate actions when missed opportunities to make contract awards to small businesses are identified.

Agencies are going to be asked to report the following to Office of Management and Budget (OMB):

1. steps taken to ensure internal controls are in place for the consistent application of small business contracting requirements under the SAT,
2. steps taken (or planned) to increase utilization of small businesses where awards under the SAT are being made to other than small businesses, and
3. if no steps have been taken why no action has taken place.



## Deputy Director of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

In the July SB Newsletter issue, Dot Harris, the new Director of the OSDBU, was introduced and pictures of her participating at the Small Business Summit in Knoxville were published. Dot was nominated by President Obama and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on March 29, 2012. We are happy to have her and she has been very busy. We also have a new Deputy Director.

John Hale III is the new Deputy Director of OSDBU. Hale advocates for small business and he is committed

to increasing contracting opportunities awarded to small and disadvantaged businesses. Some of his initiatives are:

- Establishing goals
- Promulgating policy
- Developing programs to encourage opportunities

He also specializes in guiding small businesses through the process of contracting with the DOE.

*The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and self-restraint enough to keep from meddling with them while they do it.*

Theodore Roosevelt

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