



## Meet Mike Dorsey

Mike was born in Oak Ridge, Tenn., and grew up in Farragut. Mike’s parents sparked his interest in computers in 1980 when they bought the family’s first PC—the Atari 400. Mike and his brothers spent many hours transcribing code from computer magazines to compile and run games and other software on their home computer.

At Farragut High School, he developed an appreciation for language, literature, and the performing arts. He studied German for four years, was involved with the theater department, and was in the honors and advanced placement programs. Mike attended the University of Tennessee from 1990 to 1994, earning a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and minor degrees in psychology and cinema studies.

In 1996, Mike began working for The Learning Company (TLC), a world leader in foreign language and other educational software. At TLC, Mike worked in software testing and quality assurance on several major titles and developed a strong interest in software development.

When the Knoxville location of TLC closed in 2001, Mike returned to school at Pellissippi State Community College to pursue his interest in software development. Mike achieved an Associate of Applied Science degree in Computer Science and Information Technology in 2003. One of the curriculum requirements for the CSIT program was a one-semester internship with a company to apply the program’s topics of study in a practical, real-world setting. Mike interned with Bechtel Jacobs Company Procurement in the Spring of 2003. He has been at ETPP supporting Procurement ever since.

At BJC, Mike administered the Bechtel Procurement System (BPS). At UCOR, Mike was part of the implementation team for the Puridiom procurement system and currently acts as the administrator for that application. Mike currently lives in Lenoir City with his wife Susan and their two children, Emma and Miles. In his spare time, Mike enjoys playing with the kids, watching movies, and playing on his PlayStation 3.



**Welcome**

February is American Heart Month. According to the American Heart Association, cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United States.

- Keep your heart healthy by controlling your blood pressure, cholesterol and body mass index.
- Know your numbers (cholesterol, blood pressure, height and weight) and discuss them at your next doctor visit to see what is right for you.

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## Procurement Training



Teri McCague

Thanks to Teri McCague for providing classroom training to the Procurement Department on the North American Industry Classification System Codes (NAICS) Codes. The U.S. Small Business Administration has made some changes recently on the dollar values for some of the NAICS Codes. It was a perfect opportunity to give refresher training to Procurement.

Also, thanks to Cindy Hart who provided classroom training to the Procurement Department on the UCOR Sole Source Process.



Cindy Hart

## TVBA Third Annual Business Expo Held

The Tennessee Veterans Business Association (TVBA) is a non-profit membership trade league that is dedicated exclusively to the interests of veterans in business. The found of their organization is built on four conerstones: marketing, government advocacy, education and training, and veteran employment issues. TVBA is a one-of-a-kind business association and the only entity across the country that brings these four vital elements together under one umbrella. UCOR was one of the platinum sponsors this year.

The Keynote Dinner to the 3rd Annual Business and Education Expo was held on Jan. 28. The Keynote Speaker was Sammy L. Davis, Medal of Honor Recipient. He was a very humble and moving speaker, and he definitely moved everyone in attendance.

Davis joined the Army from Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1965. By Nov. 18, 1967, he was serving as a private first class with Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 4th Artillery Regiment, 9th Infantry Division, in the Republic of Vietnam.

On that day, his unit was west of Cai Lay when they fell under heavy mortar attack by the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) as around 1,500 NVA swarmed the area. (They were referred to as Vietcong, but actually was the NVA according to Davis). Upon detecting an enemy position, Davis manned a machine gun to give his comrades covering fire so they could fire artillery in response. Davis was wounded, but ignored warnings to take cover, he took over the unit's burning howitzer and fired several shells himself. He also disregarded his inability to swim due to injuries, crossing a river on an air mattress to help rescue three wounded American soldiers. He ultimately found his way to another howitzer site to continue fighting the NVA attack until they fled. He was subsequently promoted to sergeant and received the Medal of Honor the following year.

Davis was forced to retire in 1984 due to his injuries. Footage of his Medal of Honor award ceremony was used in the 1994 film *Forrest Gump*, with actor Tom Hanks' head superimposed over that of Davis.

Some of the highlights of Davis' presentation were: "He believes that nothing in life is over until the person gives up." He said he was "only doing his job - he joined the military to protect his country." "War is not about Hate - but about Love. Love of your Country, Love of your



Sammy L. Davis

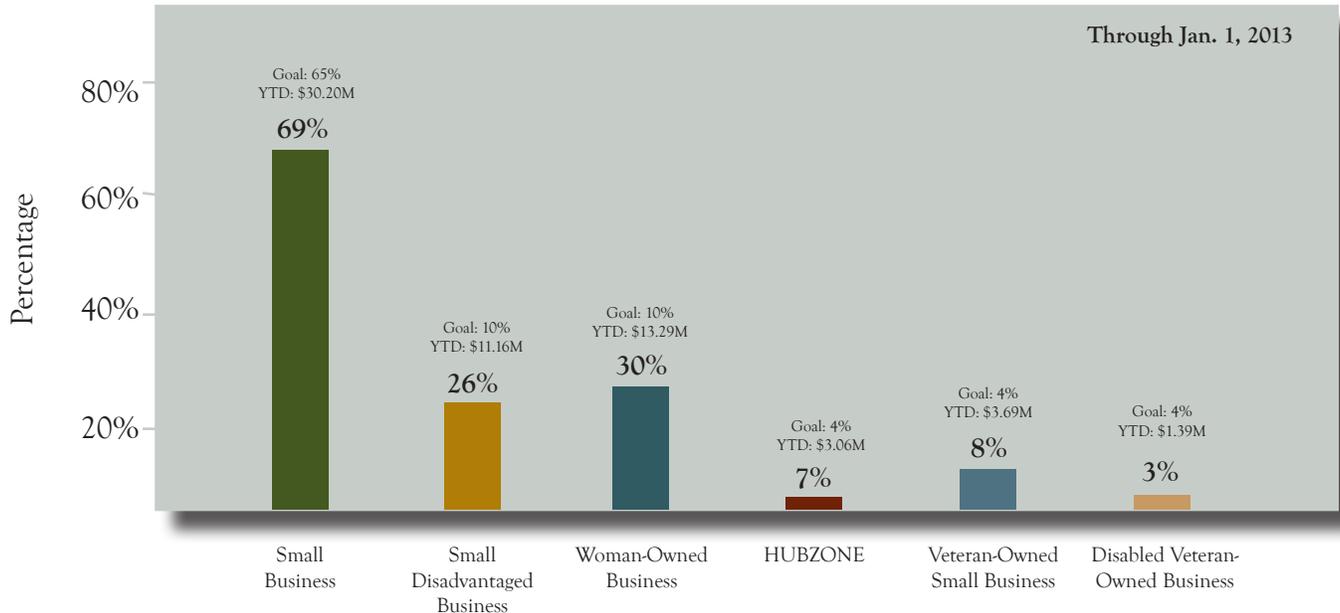


Davis, left, with Jonathan Williams, founder and chairman of the TVBA

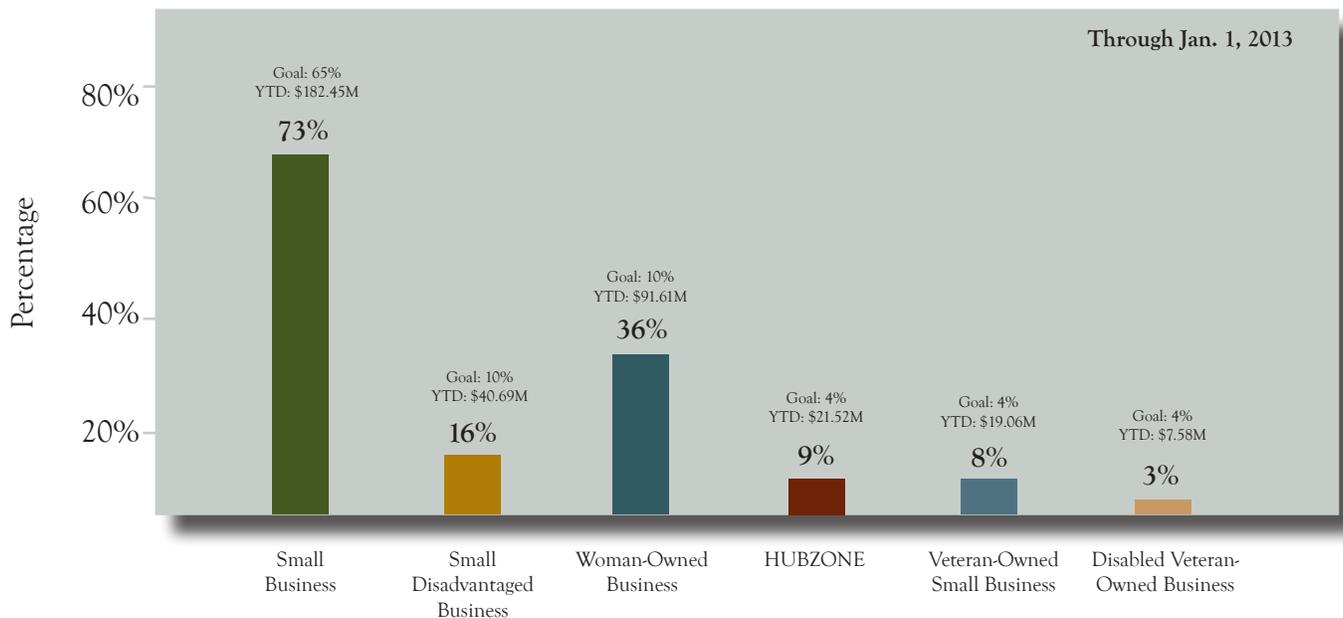
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# UCOR Small Business Statistics

## Summary FY 2013: Percent of Subcontract Dollars Placed with Socioeconomic Firms



## Inception to Date: Percent of Subcontract Dollars Placed with Socioeconomic Firms



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brothers serving with you.” He is still good friends with those he served with that are still alive. He thanked his wife, “Miss Dixie,” for standing by and supporting him every step of the way.

Davis told a story that his mother wrote his commanding officer because she never received any letters from him. His commanding officer talked to him about it and he said he was afraid to send any classified information to her about Vietnam so he didn’t know what to write. He was told to write his mother every day. He did write his mother; however, a month or so later he received a package and note from his mother sending him a harmonica and saying she was sorry he was so bored over there and maybe he could practice playing the harmonica, which he did. He had another commanding officer that got a lot of peace from hearing “Shenandoah” so he practiced that for hours because he wanted the man to have peace. He played “Shenandoah” on the harmonica at the end of his presentation and it was very moving.

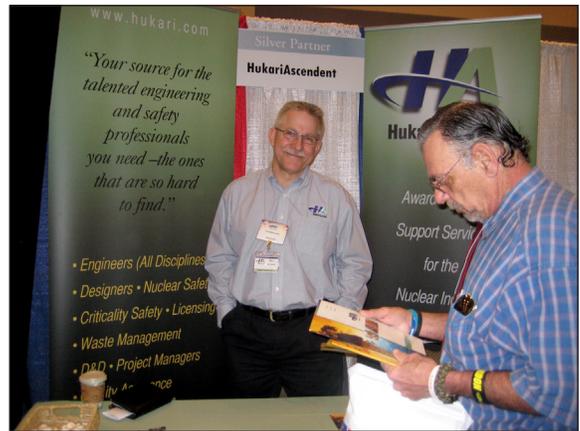
Tuesday, Jan. 29, was a full day with guest speakers and breakout sessions, and the Expo all going on at the same time.

Sam gave closing remarks after that and had a raffle drawing. It was a great day and a huge success!



Veteran’s Contracting Solutions Group (VCSG) is a service-disabled veteran-owned small business specializing in Civil Contracting. It is also one of UCOR’s protégés.

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