



Meet Miranda Goss

Miranda Goss is a Subcontract Administrator and an accomplished member of the UCOR Subcontracts and Procurement team. Currently employed through Restoration Services Inc., she has worked at ETTP since 1994, serving in such various capacities as a Project Control Engineer, Subcontract Technical Representative, Analytical Data Coordinator, and Project Coordinator. Miranda has served as Purchasing Expeditor/Subcontracts Administrator for the Water Resource Restoration Program, the Sample Management Office, and the Liquid & Gaseous Waste Operations.

Most recently, as a Purchasing Expeditor/Subcontract Administrator, Miranda was also deployed at ORNL in support of the Tank W1-A Removal Action Project and served as the Subcontracts Administrator to the Y-12 Five Tanks and West Colex projects. Miranda's current responsibilities include functional and waste management subcontracts along with several professional services agreements. She is also the single point of contact for all subcontract matters for UCOR's Protégé, Veterans Contracting Solutions Group LLC.

A native Tennessean, Miranda attended Roane State Community College. She is a lifelong sportswoman who enjoys riding Tennessee Walking horses, running competitively, and being outdoors. Miranda says she subscribes to the "work hard, play hard" philosophy, and stays busy with her 9-year-old son's school and sports activities. Be sure to say hello to Miranda if you see her; she declares that she has "never met a stranger and doesn't expect to!"



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Welcome



National Irish American Heritage Month is a special proclamation issued yearly by the United States President or Congress to honor the achievements and contributions of Irish immigrants and their descendants living in the United States. The heritage month is in March to coincide with the Irish national holiday on March 17, Saint Patrick's Day. Heritage months are usually proclaimed to celebrate centuries of contributions by a group to a country. The U.S. Congress, by Public Law 101-418, designated March 1991 as "Irish-American Heritage Month."

Daylight Savings time starts on March 10 this year; remember to set your clocks forward.

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ETEBA Membership Meeting

The Energy, Technology and Environmental Business Association (ETEBA) recently hosted their monthly membership meeting at the DoubleTree in Oak Ridge. ETEBA's featured speaker, Walter Perry, is the Regional Director for the Small Business Administration in Tennessee. Mr. Perry was appointed as the senior representative for the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) in Tennessee on Jan. 17, 2010. His staff of 12 is based in Nashville and Memphis. Perry leads the Tennessee District in facilitating loans to small businesses, advocating federal government contracting opportunities for small businesses, and working with the local communities in all 95 Tennessee counties.

He spoke about Small Business Size Standards and Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Program updates. He explained that the National Defense Authorization Act removed the anticipated award price of the contract thresholds for WOSB and economically disadvantaged women-owned small businesses (EDWOSB). This allows contracting officers to set aside more contracts for certified WOSBs and EDWOSBs and will help federal agencies achieve the existing statutory 5% goal. He said that currently the WOSB Program identifies 83 four-digit North American Industry Classification Systems. The SBA will conduct another study to identify and report industries underrepresented by WOSBs. SBA continues to support small businesses.



Walter Perry, SBA Regional Director (left), with Sherry Peske, ETEBA Executive Director

UCOR Supports Construction Expo

UCOR supported the 2013 Construction Opportunities Conference on Thursday, Feb. 28, at the Y-12 New Hope Center in Oak Ridge. This event was co-sponsored by The University of Tennessee (UT), Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce, Y-12, SBA, Propel, Tennessee Small Business Development Center, Roane State Community College, Knoxville Chamber of Commerce, and the East Tennessee Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Registration opened at 7 a.m. and the Center was very crowded. It began with Richard Brown, procurement director of the Uranium Processing Facility (UPF) in Oak Ridge, speaking about UPF construction opportunities.

The Corps of Engineers came from Nashville and spoke on how to do business with them. Tyler Construction Engineers came from Nashville and explained bid estimating strategies. An SBA panel discussion was held on SBA Surety Bond Guarantee Program. They had so many good topics to discuss that the morning sessions were all very busy.

The panel meeting just before lunch spoke on "How to Put Together Joint Ventures and Teaming Agreements." This was a very important panel for small businesses as it emphasized that by teaming, you have a chance of winning more proposals because you can offer a more complete package.

After lunch three more presentations were given: "Doing Business with the National Park Service," "Prime Contractors Panel," and to finish off the day, Vince Maivelett, UCOR's Manager of Project Services, spoke on how to do business with UCOR. UCOR was among the many exhibitors in the lobby of New Hope Center.



Pictured, from left, are Lisa Hoyt, Account Executive, Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce, and Jutta Bangs, Tenn. Small Business Development Center, Roane State Community College

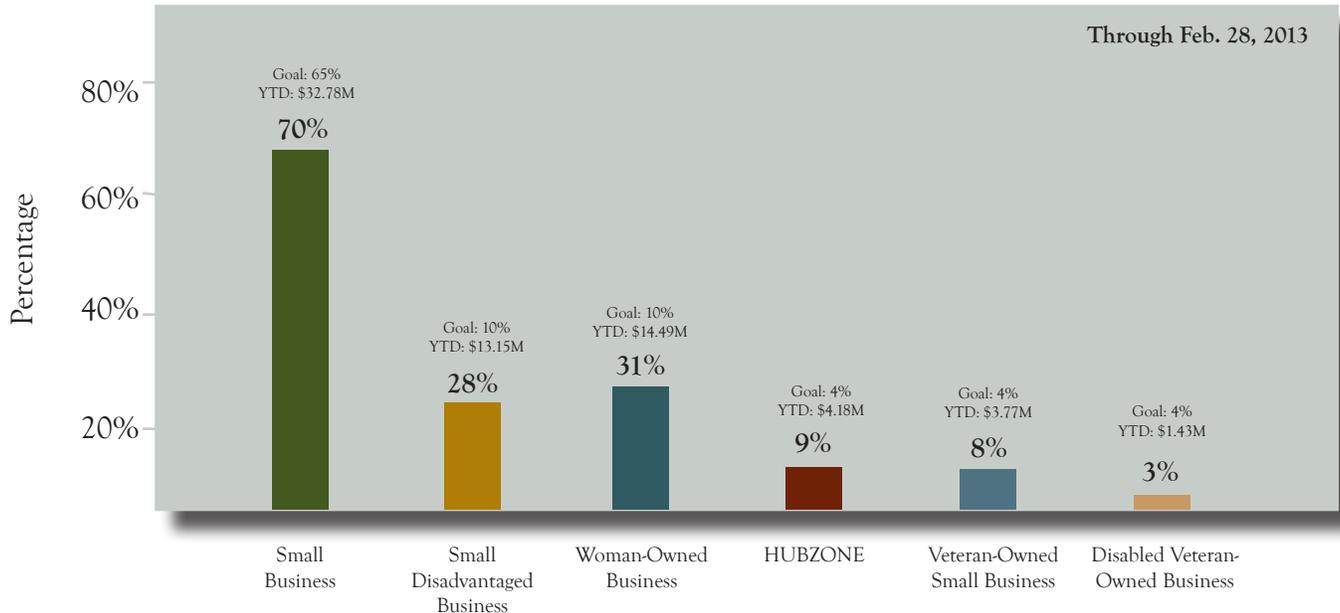


Paul Middlebrooks, UT Marketing Consultant, left, with Karen Reeve, UCOR Small Business Manager

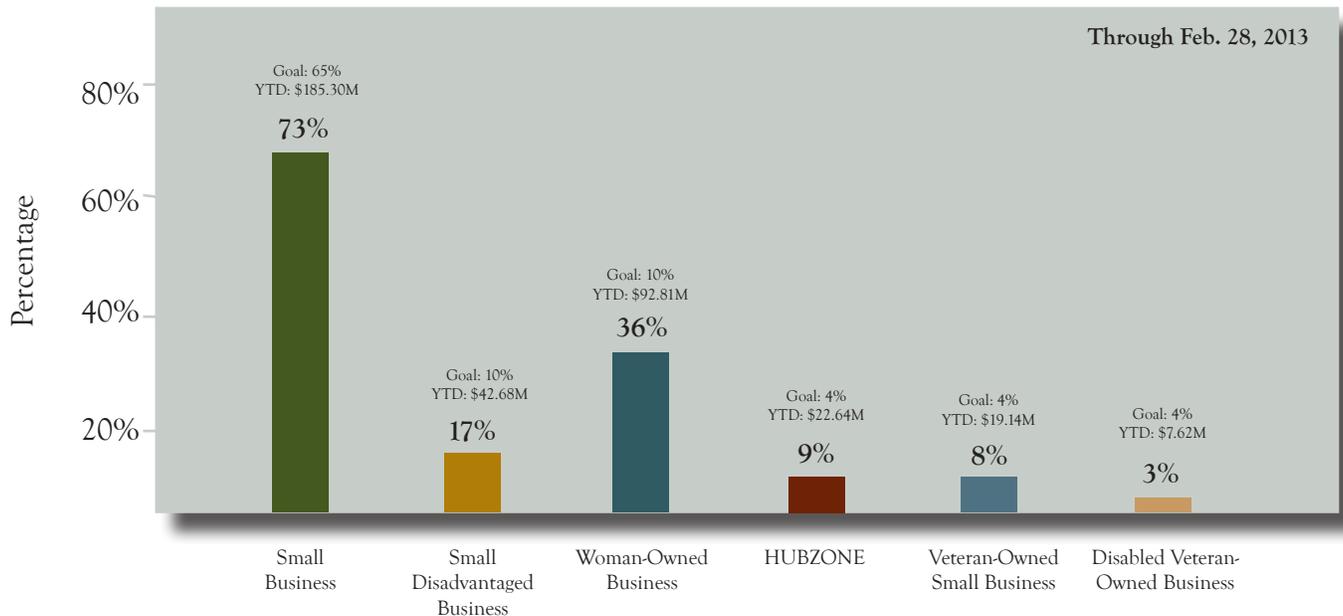
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UCOR Small Business Statistics

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



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



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

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UCOR would like to thank Jutta Bangs and Paul Middlebrooks for all their hard work in planning and putting this event together.

Edwards Supply Company Inc.

Edwards Supply was established June 1, 1993, and is a full-line electrical wholesale distributor located in Oak Ridge, Tenn. The company is a Woman-Owned Small Disadvantaged Business and has been supporting the ETTP site for many years.



From left are Tracie Rucker, CEO, Edwards Supply Co., Inc.; Veronica O'Hearn, UCOR Communications; Lisa Coleman, Edwards Business Development; and Karen Reeve.



Vince Maivelett, speaking on "How to do business with UCOR."

Accord Federal Services LLC

Accord is a government services firm specializing in the nationwide support to government agencies and their large commercial contractors. The company is a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business centrally located in Knoxville, Tenn.



Doug Mentor, Knoxville Chamber of Commerce (left), with Baffin Harper, B&B Services, LLC



Jonathan Williams, President of Accord Services, with Milton Tookes

Procurement Training

Joe Hudson will be giving classroom training to the Procurement group on March 28. The subject of the training is DOE Consent Process.