



UCOR Presents Awards To Small Businesses

UCOR presented awards to eight small business at its Inaugural Small Business Awards ceremony, held Wednesday, June 12, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Oak Ridge.

“We are grateful for the excellent support we receive from all the small businesses that support us,” said Leo Sain, UCOR President and Project Manager. “They are an integral part of our work, and we are pleased to recognize these eight small businesses that have gone above and beyond during the past year.”

Please see pages 2-4 for information on the winners.



Summer is here and its starting to get very warm. Be sure to always have water with you so you can stay hydrated.

Meet Judy Best

Judy Best is the “newest” addition to the Procurement and Subcontracting team, joining the group in 2010. Initially an Administrative Assistant, after transition to UCOR and subsequent additional responsibilities, Judy was promoted to Procurement Project Administrator. Although new to working in government contracting, Judy has more than 25 years of experience managing people, projects, and departments.

Judy’s employment background is primarily in the medical field. She was office manager for a busy Primary Care practice from 2004 to 2010. Prior to that, she worked for the Covenant Health System in varied capacities as telecommunications coordinator, supervisor of the mail room and hospital operators, data analyst and program coordinator for the APR-DRG Quality Improvement Program, and in Information Systems as the first Covenant Health System computer training coordinator. Judy developed desktop application training programs, oversaw the creation of the computer training program and classrooms, and trained Covenant staff from all the system’s facilities. She also worked as a computer application instructor with New Horizon Computer Learning Center in Knoxville. She is a Microsoft Office Certified trainer.

Judy attended the University of Tennessee, both in Chattanooga and Knoxville, majoring in Medical Technology and Psychology, and has a life-long love of learning. She is the happy, busy mother of five grown girls, and enjoys boating, bicycling, painting, hiking, gardening, and other outdoor activities with her husband and family. Judy is a “people person” who enjoys getting to know people.



Judy Best

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UCOR Small Business Award Winners



Small Business of the Year: Metal Solutions Design and Fabrication, LLC

Metal Solutions Design and Fabrication, LLC, a small business established in 2005, is located in Dayton, Kentucky, and offers a diversity of products and services for both the government and commercial markets.

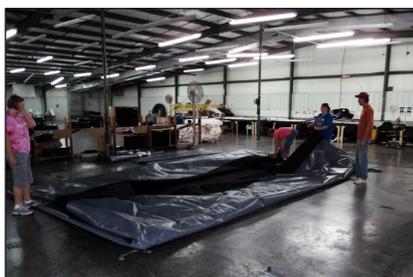
Metal Solutions is always willing to support UCOR and is one of our main suppliers of waste containers and specialty fabricated items. They provided the lead-lined containers used for transportation of contaminated soil at the Tank W1-A Project and also won an award to design, fabricate, and test a reusable 7A Type A fissile-qualified container to be used to transport compressor volutes for disposal in Nevada.

They have helped us meet our project commitments with their innovative approaches and timely deliveries.



Small Disadvantaged Business Award: Scientific Sales, Inc.

Scientific Sales, Inc. (SSI) is a small woman-owned business established in 1987. It has developed long-term relationships with some of the highest quality manufacturers and suppliers in the laboratory safety, environmental, and industrial arenas. In addition, it offers repair and rental of environmental equipment. SSI understands that the way to sustain long-term growth is through diversity and a willingness to adapt to customer needs. They have assembled a technical staff with degrees or extensive experience in field operations, law enforcement, chemical engineering, safety and radiation products. SSI partners with customers and vendors to achieve cost savings.



HUBZone Small Business Award: Strategic Packaging Systems, LLC

Strategic Packaging Systems, LLC (SPS), is a HUBZone small business located in Madisonville, Tenn. It pioneered the first “soft-sided” packaging and railcar liner products used in radioactive waste industry more than a decade ago. For UCOR, SPS was involved in the competitive procurement for the super sacks used to transport the contaminated converters from K-25. It worked closely with K-25 engineers to fabricate a cost-effective supersack that met all of our requirements. SPS not only went out of its way to fabricate a cost-effective super sack, it worked diligently to help UCOR remain on schedule by providing supersacks on a weekly basis.





LYNX Supply, Inc. – Woman-Owned Small Business Award

LYNX Supply, Inc. is a woman-owned small business founded in 1989 and has assisted the ETTP cleanup project with numerous purchases over the years. Lynx has recently been involved in the re-bid and transitioning of PPE and safety item blanket purchase orders. It also won the online auction for UCOR’s Radiation Protection supplies Blanket Order.

Lynx is always responsive to our needs and provides top-notch customer service.



Veteran-Owned Small Business Award: Stowers Machinery Corporation

Stowers Machinery Corporation was established more than 50 years ago in 1960. Harry Stowers, along with his brothers Bud and Dick, purchased the East Tennessee Caterpillar dealership and started Stowers Machinery. In 1933, Harry’s son, Wes Stowers, became president and brought the family business into the second generation

Stowers Machinery is instrumental in keeping the Caterpillar equipment at UCOR operational, and it has been doing just that for years. Its contributions have helped fuel UCOR’s success, and the company deserves recognition for its efforts.



BES Technologies, LLC – Service- Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Award

BES Technologies, LLC is a Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business located in Oak Ridge, Tenn. It focuses on environmental processes and issues and specializes in respirator cleaning and laundry services. Its goal is to minimize the generation of waste cleaning products for re-use that were once sent to landfills. When needed, the company works with teaming partners on more sensitive work that requires federal and state endorsements and licenses, thereby allowing them to provide a broad range of services.

BES Technologies is a new supplier to UCOR and have provided outstanding service over the last year.





Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business: Foust Diversified Solutions, Inc.

Foust Diversified Solutions, Inc. was established in February 2006 by Jesse Foust, President, and David Wilson, COO who are partners and owners of the company. Both Jesse and David served in the military—Jesse in the U.S. Army and David in the U.S. Air Force. The company is located in Oak Ridge, Tenn. Foust Diversified Solutions, Inc. is a service disabled veteran-owned small business that can quote a diverse range of products. It is a non-stocking distributor but are very capable of finding any off the shelf item a customer may need. The company works diligently to provide competitive pricing for the products quoted.

UCOR salutes this company and these men for the excellence they provide in pricing, quality service, customer satisfaction, and their service to their country.



Protege of the Year: Transportation, Operations and Professional Services, Inc.

In July 2011, TOPS was awarded its first federal contract with UCOR for the Waste Transportation Project (WTP) at ETPP. TOPS considers this subcontract its “anchor subcontract” and has worked diligently at growing its business with UCOR and across the DOE complex.

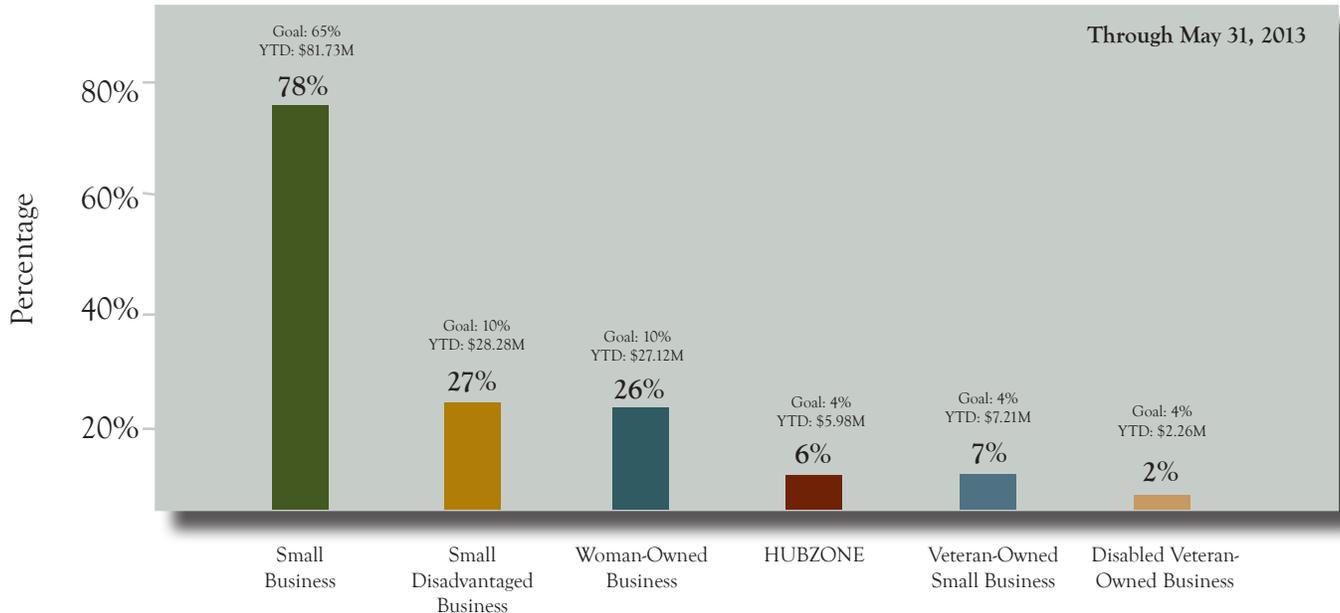
TOPS proven ability to manage the WTP while providing significant cost savings has led to more business opportunities within the Oak Ridge Reservation and across the DOE Complex. TOPS currently performs long haul shipments from the Separations Research Process Unit (SPRU) in Schenectady, N.Y. to the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) in Nye County, Nevada, and Energy Solutions in Clive, Utah. TOPS has also hired sixteen new employees who perform facility operations at the Environmental Management Waste Management Facility in Oak Ridge. TOPS has worked closely with another of UCOR’s protégés, Veteran’s Contracting Solutions Group, providing transportation and operation services.



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

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

