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UCOR recognizes eight subcontractors at awards ceremony

URS | CH2M Oak Ridge LLC (UCOR) presented awards to eight small businesses at its second annual Small Business Awards ceremony held June 23 at the Double-Tree Hotel in Oak Ridge.

UCOR, the U.S. Department of Energy's cleanup contractor for the Oak Ridge Reservation, works with a variety of small businesses to perform cleanup work. During this fiscal year, 80 percent of subcontracted work, totaling \$78.2 million, has gone to small businesses.

"Small business has played an integral part in our success," said Matt Marston, UCOR Chief Operating Officer. "We've received excellent support from numerous small businesses. While it is difficult to select just a few to honor, we are pleased to recognize these particular companies who have excelled in their support of our work during the past year." The winners this year are as follows:



U.S. Rep. Chuck Fleischmann was the featured speaker at UCOR's Small Business Awards ceremony.

Small Business of the Year

PacTec Inc., a small business established in 1989, is located in Clinton, Louisiana. They are the industry leader in design and manufacturing of packaging for the transportation and waste industries. PacTec sells custom-manufactured packaging and provides dump truck liners for the transportation of waste from K-25.

On one particular order, the K-25 project was running low on liners and needed 500 delivered in a one-week period. PacTec was able to coordinate with their Production Department and have a steady flow of liners delivered on-site, without interruption to the project. This level of customer service is just one of many reasons they received this award.



HUBZone Small Business



Container Technologies Industries, LLC (CTI) is a certified HUBZone small business located in Helenwood, Tenn. CTI has been in business since December 1999. This company is dedicated to serving as the preferred fabricator to the nuclear industry. They supply many types of products, including containers for storage, transport, and disposal of low-level or mixed-level nuclear waste. CTI maintains a robust NQA-1 quality program. CTI has consistently supplied UCOR with containers and drums safely and efficiently—in a timely manner.



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Small Disadvantaged Business



Spectra Tech Inc., founded in 1995, is a small disadvantaged business located in Oak Ridge, Tenn. SpectraTech is an engineering, environmental, and nuclear services company that focuses on providing high quality and cost-effective technical solutions for federal agencies, government contractors, and private commercial companies. Spectra Tech initiated a special fringe benefits package for incumbent employees that facilitated a smooth transition for these employees, supported UCOR's subcontracting strategy, and continues to run smoothly for UCOR's incumbent workforce and both parties.



Woman-Owned Small Business

Value Added Solutions, Inc., (VAS) is a woman-owned small business located in Aiken, S.C., with offices in Oak Ridge, Tenn., as well. Value Added Solutions specializes in staffing subject matter experts at DOE and other government agency facilities. VAS is always responsive to UCOR's needs and provides safe and compliant support of UCOR's mission.



Value Added Solutions, Inc.

Veteran-Owned Small Business

Technical and Field Engineering (TFE) Inc., a veteran-owned small business, is a leader in the analysis, design, development, and implementation of technical training programs for customers in government and regulated industries. TFE continues to step up to the challenge of providing a multitude of technical training on-site in a classroom setting, and also on a one-on-one basis when required by a variety of different UCOR organizations and projects. They continually improve UCOR's training with operational efficiency and safety. The TFE staff has played a role in more than 58,000 training events, resulting in over 70,000 employee work-hours of training this year. TFE has been essential to UCOR's mission to safely and effectively D&D and remediate the ETTP Site.



TFE
inc
"Quality Support for a Nuclear Future"

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Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business

Firehawk Products & Services is a service-disabled veteran-owned small business founded in 2006. Firehawk, located in Oak Ridge, Tenn., specializes in providing services to both government and private industry. Firehawk has provided a multitude of products to support UCOR's efforts, often with very short notice. Numerous times Firehawk staff has worked through the weekend, and even driven their personal vehicles hundreds of miles, to get products that UCOR needed the next day. Firehawk has a "can-do" attitude and always finds a way to fulfill orders.



Protege Award



VCSG

Veterans Contracting Solutions Group, LLC

Veterans Contracting Solutions Group (VCSG) LLC is a service-disabled veteran-owned small business specializing in civil engineering. They are also a DOE Protégé to UCOR. Since 2012, VCSG has successfully completed several projects with UCOR across the Oak Ridge Reservation. Their most recent project completed was the demolition of North America's tallest water tower located at ETTP. The successful use of explosive demolition at a federal site, post 9/11 era, was a substantial challenge. The planning and coordination required to overcome the challenges prior to demolition were significant. VCSG, along with Controlled Demolition, Inc., successfully completed this project and opened pathways for future project completions to forever change this site.

Customer Service Award

I&I Sling, Inc. specializes in Rigging Solutions. Since 1963, I & I Sling, Inc., located in Knoxville, Tenn., has proven their commitment to their customers by providing quality products and unmatched customer service. I&I Sling has supplied a multitude of hoisting and rigging products that have been instrumental in demolition of the K-25 Building. These items often require numerous specialized load tests and certification documents that can make a somewhat simple order difficult. I&I Sling has worked tirelessly with UCOR to understand and comply with our requirements, making these challenging orders easier.



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At left, UCOR President Leo Sain and incoming President Ken Rueter talk with DOE's Sue Cange. Above, UCOR COO Matt Marston with DOE's Jay Mullis.

UCOR Participates in Procurement Summit

UCOR participated in the 5th Annual Procurement Summit for Small Business. This event was sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration in partnership with the Tennessee Small Business Development Center. It was held Wednesday, June 18, at Tennessee State University, Avon Williams Campus.

The purpose of the Procurement Summit is to educate small businesses on doing business with the federal government and provide a forum for them to meet face-to-face with procurement/small business advocates from federal agencies. This event featured presentations from several agencies (UCOR was one of them) and also booths in the exhibit hall.

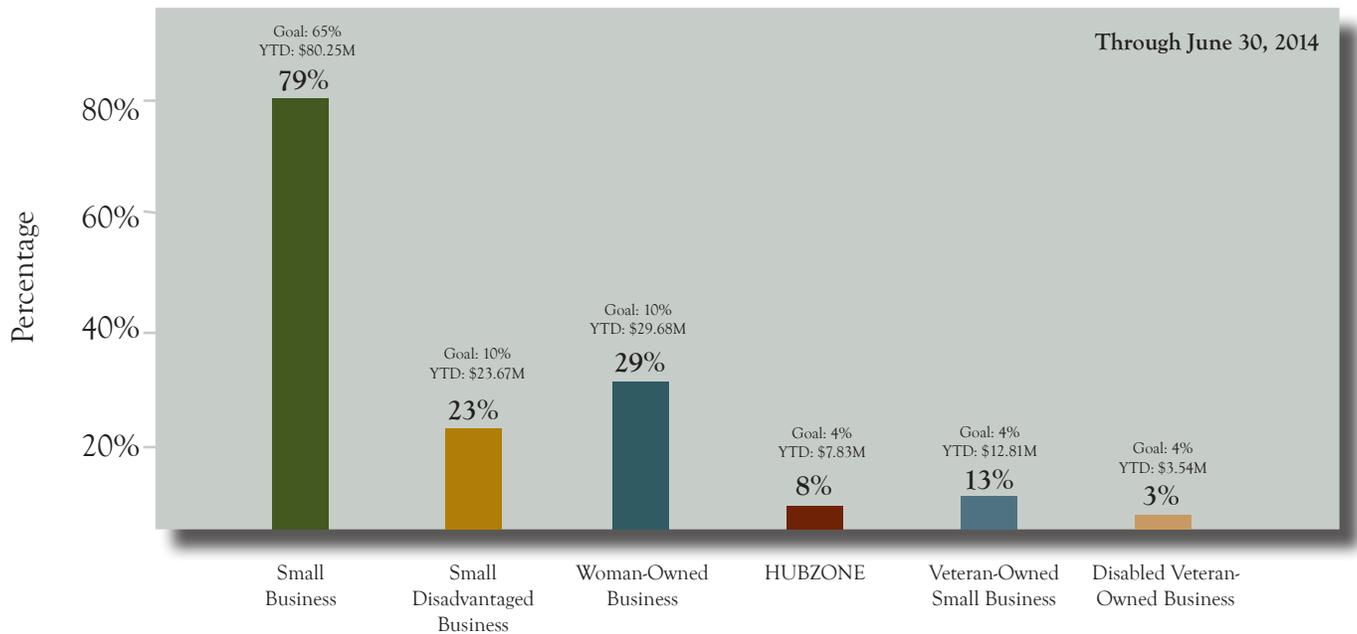
This was a very successful event, many different government primes and agencies attended, as well as many small businesses.



Left, Walter Perry, Small Business Administration District Director, and right, Karen Reeve, UCOR Small Business Manager, address the audience at the procurement summit.

UCOR Small Business Statistics

Summary FY 2014: Percent of Subcontract Dollars Placed with Socioeconomic Firms



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

