



## Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving

### Thanksgiving Food Preparation and Safety Tips

Is pink turkey meat safe? The color of cooked poultry is not always a sure sign of its safety. Only by using a food thermometer can one accurately determine that poultry has reached a safe minimum internal temperature of 165 F. Turkey can remain pink even after cooking.

From the time you take the turkey out of the oven, you have 2 hours to serve it, eat it, and then refrigerate or freeze the leftovers - the turkey, stuffing and gravy. Bacteria can multiply to dangerous levels on perishable food left longer than two hours at room temperature. Leftover turkey can safely be kept in the refrigerator for 3-4 days.

A Toll-free USDA Meat & Poultry Hotline, staffed with safety specialists, is available on Thanksgiving Day from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. EST. Call 1-888-674-6854 or send an email question to [mpholine.fsis@usda.gov](mailto:mpholine.fsis@usda.gov).

## Veterans honored this month

On Tuesday, Nov. 11, Americans celebrated Veterans Day, honoring those who have served their country. The American Legion - Knoxville Post 2 celebrated with its 89th Veterans Day Parade in downtown Knoxville, honoring all veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. It was a beautiful, sunny day to honor and thank all veterans for their service to our country.



### Quotes from veteran subcontractors:

*I have great pride and a sense of citizenship being a veteran. Serving my country is one of the greatest feelings I have experienced, and the benefits I have enjoyed over the years from that service keep that feeling alive daily. Being a veteran helps connect me with my family, community, and country in a way that I could never have imagined. I could not imagine my life any other way.*  
Erik Connard, U S. Army, CEO BES Technologies, LLC

*I am proud to be a veteran and of my military service, consisting of two tours to Iraq, serving with the HCS-5 Firehawks (Helicopter Combat Special Support Squadron Five), which is the Navy's premier Special Warfare Operations Helicopter Unit. I use my knowledge and experience from working with small businesses everyday and started my own business named Firehawk Products & Services in memory of the HCS-5 Firehawks.*

Nathan Cross, Iraq, U.S. Navy, President, Firehawk Products & Services

*As a veteran, I'm extremely proud to have served our country and would gladly serve again. I maintain that one of the many things that makes the U.S. the greatest nation in the world is our volunteer military force and the men and women who gave so much, and in many cases gave all, for all the rest of us. It has been great to see the change in recent years of the treatment and recognition that veterans now receive from the public and in the work place. More and more organizations now recognize how valuable hiring veterans as employees and contractors can be to their overall success.*

Dave Hayner, Desert Storm Veteran, U.S. Army, President, VCSG, LLC

## Meet Tim Melberg

Tim Melberg is the Manager, Supply Chain Management, for UCOR. He has more than 32 years of experience in managing diverse technical and administrative programs and organizations.

Tim recently moved to East Tennessee from Idaho Falls, Idaho to fill this position, and UCOR is happy to have him.



Tim Melberg

From 2006 until 2014, Tim worked for CH2M-WG Idaho, LLC as Director of Subcontracts, Procurement, Property, and Fleet Management. His responsibilities at the Idaho Cleanup Project included subcontract and commodity acquisitions with a procurement value of \$1.7B. He successfully integrated the

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subcontract and procurement business systems into the Integrated Safety Management System, resulting in enhanced functional support to the line management organizations at the Idaho Closure Project. He succeeded in disposal of excess property through controlled sales, resulting in more than \$1M in proceeds credited back into the total project cost.

From 1999 - 2005, He worked for Kaiser-Hill, LLC at the Rocky Flats site as the Manager and Project Chief Engineer of Procurement Engineering/Quality Assurance, and Procurement Systems organizations.

From 1990 - 1999, Tim worked for the DOE in Golden, Colorado. For six of those years, he was the Divi-

sion Director and Deputy Division Director for several technical organizations at the Rocky Flats Field Office.

Tim earned a Master of Business Administration with an emphasis in Management, University of Colorado, and Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering from Colorado State University. His pride and joy is his daughter, Meghan, who is attending school in Front Royal, Virginia.

He enjoys camping, fishing, hiking, reading, and traveling.

Tim brings a wealth of diverse knowledge and experience with him. Please join UCOR's Supply Chain Management group in welcoming Tim to his new home.

## UCOR wins award for cost saving efforts

DOE's Office of Environmental Management (EM) recently honored, URS | CH2M Oak Ridge LLC (UCOR) with the Supply Chain Management Center (SCMC) achievement award for 2014. The award was presented during the EM SCMC Biannual Face-to-Face Meeting at the Kansas City Plant.

UCOR received the Strategic Sourcing - FY 14 award for the Largest Total Savings Dollars attained throughout the EM Sites with a total savings of \$4,297,000.

Established in 2006 by DOE's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), SCMC began as a center focused on improving the procurement of products and services at seven NSE sites. The SCMC program, based out of an NNSA plant in Kansas City, MO, implemented best practices of spend analysis, reverse bidding and e-auctioning tools for strategic sourcing in order to maximize the value of taxpayer dollars spent at NNSA sites.

This new system made collaboration across NSE sites possible with a new secure internet portal for common access to all sites and procurement software tool called Ariba, a reverse bidding software in which the vendor with the lowest bid wins the auction. Ariba also involves an automated system that tracks the amount of money spent as well as commodity opportunities.

Each time a transaction or "event" is completed through Ariba, the data is automatically sent to SCMS to keep track of the amount saved. Some of the items and services (planned and actual) using the Ariba tool for UCOR include: Training Services, Well Drilling, Transportation, Bottled Water, Waste Containers, Sampling and Analysis, and PPE.



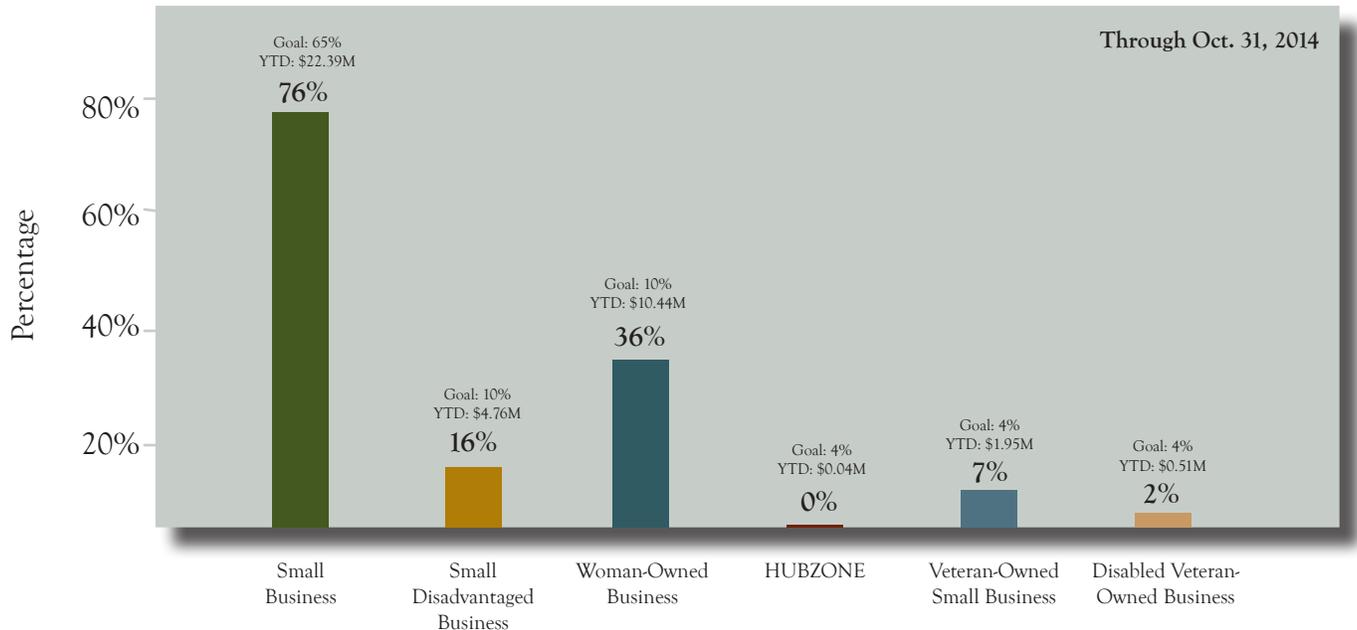
Tim Melberg holding award with UCOR Procurement staff

### Contact Information

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# 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

