



## Avoid stings this summer

Working outdoors means coming into contact with all kinds of insects. At best, stings can cause pain and irritation, and at worst, an allergic reaction.

Hornets, wasps, and bees are often attracted to flowery perfumes or soaps, so workers who spend a great deal of their time outside should refrain from using fragrant products before coming to work.

Lightly-colored clothes that cover as much skin as possible are best for avoiding bee stings and other attacks.

When attacked by bees, hornets, or wasps, get to safety as quickly as possible, as bees release a chemical that attracts other bees when they sting. Shaded areas are better for escaping these insects than open areas. If possible, run indoors and close the door.

## Contact Information

We would love to hear from you!  
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## UCOR holds protege graduation

Veterans Contracting Solutions Group, LLC (VCSG) has become the first company to graduate from the DOE Mentor/Protégé Program with UCOR.

The program is designed to encourage small businesses and to enhance their financial, technical, professional, and personnel capabilities to perform subcontracts. VCSG became a UCOR protégé in Jan. 2012. The service-disabled, veteran-owned small business has worked on several key UCOR projects, including removal of mercury tanks at Y-12 and demolition of the K-1206-F Fire Water Tower, the large check-board water tower that dominated the ETPP skyline for 55 years.

“Having VCSG as a protégé has been a mutually beneficial arrangement,” said Karen Reeve, UCOR Small Business Manager. “We were able to provide critical developmental assistance to the company, increasing their technical capabilities and industrial competitiveness, and we have received exceptional services from the company.”

A graduation ceremony was held at ETPP on July 14 in which UCOR presented a plaque to David Hayner, president and CEO of VCSG.



UCOR President Ken Rueter, right, present a plaque to David Hayner, VCSG president and CEO.



Pictured at the graduation ceremony, from left, are Heather Cloar, DOE contracting officer; Ron Slotke; Miranda Goss; Tim Melberg; David Hayner, president/CEO of VCSG; Ken Rueter, and Karen Reeve.

## ETPA holds matchmaking and tradeshow event

East Tennessee Purchasing Association's 10th annual Business & Tradeshow event was held July 16. UCOR representatives participated in this event. This was an exceptional opportunity for firms to meet with small business program managers and representatives from various local, state and federal governmental agencies under one roof at one time. More than 30 government and more than 200 vendors attended the event. This event allows small/mid-sized businesses to meet with governmental agencies, create relationships to build business opportunities, learn about "doing business" with the entities and to meet with private sector vendors.

The event included a meet-and-greet breakfast before the business and tradeshow opened. This year ETPA partnered with Mission of Hope to collect back-to-school supplies for needy families in East Tennessee. Free breakout sessions were held on "How to do Business with Government Contractors, Small Business Administration and the State."



Meet and Greet breakfast



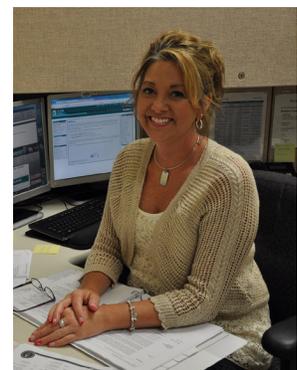
UCOR Small Business Manager Karen Reeve staffed a UCOR booth at the ETPA event.



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## Annette Brooks Joins as Purchasing Specialist

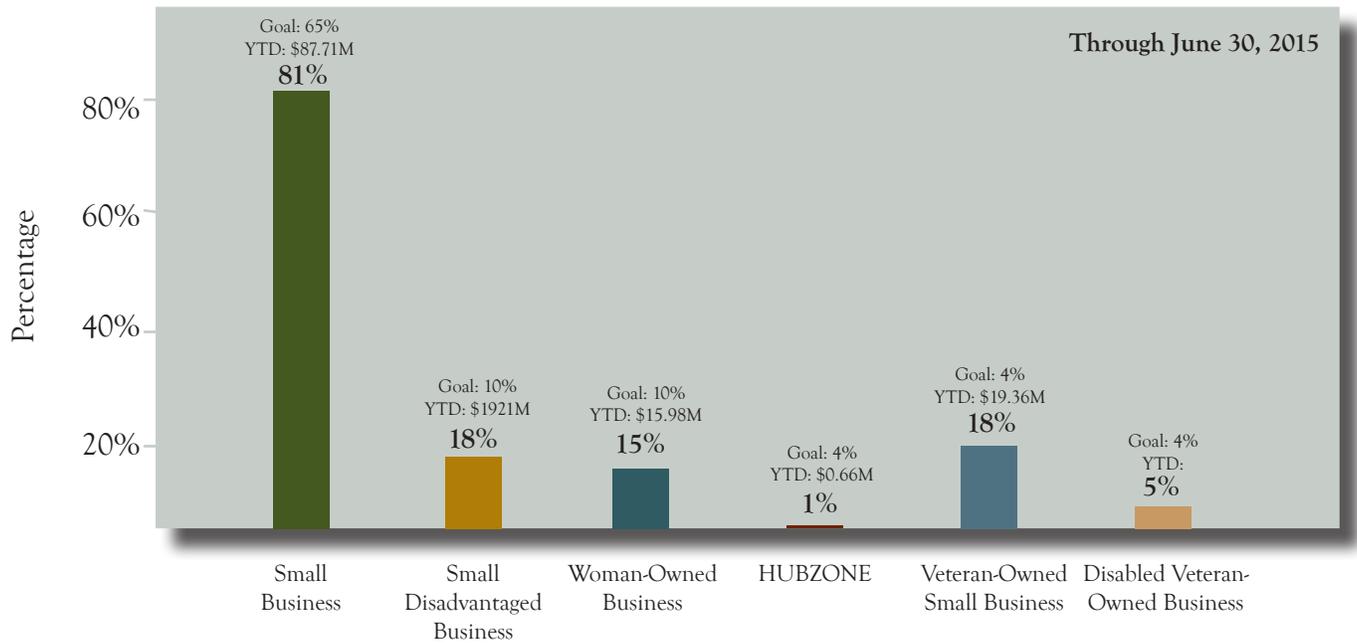
Supply Chain Management recently welcomed Annette Brooks as our newest Senior Purchasing Specialist in Subcontracts. Most recently from supporting a construction project for CCC Group, Inc. in Alcoa, Tenn., Annette brings 16 years of procurement, contracts, and management experience to our team. She has handled activities ranging from market research, analysis, solicitation development, proposal analysis and negotiations to subcontract administration, cost compilation, cost reductions/savings strategies, inventory management, logistics and expediting for government and commercial entities. She has commodity experience in categories such as construction materials, PPE, employee uniforms, electrical supplies, medical supplies and equipment rentals. Her services experience includes construction-related, janitorial, event planning, and professional services. Join us in welcoming Annette to UCOR.



Annette Brooks

# UCOR Small Business Statistics

## Summary FY 2015: Percent of Subcontract Dollars Placed with Socioeconomic Firms



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

