



TVBA hosts 2016 Business and Education Expo

The annual Tennessee Veterans Business Association 2016 Business and Education Expo was held Jan. 25-26, 2016. UCOR participated as a platinum partner.

The Tennessee Veterans Business Association provides entrepreneurship training, business development assistance, and networking opportunities to military veterans and their families. They also provide assistance in finding rewarding employment to all veterans, and support the work of both public and private sector organizations who offer charitable support to current service members and veterans.

As part of their mission, they educate the public and government officials on the values of supporting veterans and the importance of veteran-owned businesses to our economy. They believe in respecting their service by providing continuing support.

This mission is based upon the philosophy that veteran benefit programs fulfill necessary, proper, and valid public purposes by:

- Promoting patriotism with no exception;
- Recognizing and rewarding service and sacrifice to country
- Embracing the entrepreneurial spirit.
- Assisting in the transition from the uniform to a business suit.
- Providing a unified voice to the Tennessee business community, and in doing so, the Association serves the needs of present and future veteran business owners and job seekers.

TVBA advocates the support of Tennessee's veteran and service disabled veteran-owned businesses, as one way for veterans to provide economic security and prosperity for their families and for the communities in which they live with dignity and honor. One Mission, One Goal, One Voice.

TVBA's values include:

- Respect and honor in all aspects of our lives
- Absolute integrity and honesty
- Outstanding goods and services
- Dedication to professional excellence
- A "Can Do" spirit which instills confidence



UCOR Supply Chain Manager Tim Melberg, Small Business Manager Freda Hopper, and Procurement Manager Lynn Humphreys at the TVBA expo.

The expo consisted of several booths of which UCOR was a Platinum Partner. On Jan. 25, TVBA sponsored a dinner and the guest speaker was Sergeant Noah Galloway. A native of Birmingham, Alabama, Sergeant Noah Galloway was assigned to the 1st of the 502nd Infantry of the 101st Airborne Division out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky, during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Just three months into his second tour of duty, he experienced a life changing injury. On December 19, 2005, Galloway lost his left arm above the elbow and left leg above the knee in an Improvised Explosive Device attack. He was transported to Germany to receive medical treatment, remaining unconscious for five days. Galloway woke up late in the evening on Christmas Eve to learn he lost two of his limbs and sustained severe injuries to his right leg and his jaw. Galloway was then transferred to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC.

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After a long stint in recovery and rehabilitation, Galloway did what many disabled veterans do, becoming withdrawn, out of shape and depressed. The former fitness fanatic and hyper competitive athlete was now drinking, smoking and sleeping his days away. But late one night, Galloway took a long look in the mirror and realized there was more to him than the injuries. And he set a goal to get back in shape, be healthier and inspire others.

Now a personal trainer and motivational speaker, Galloway doesn't take excuses from his clients, fans and followers – and finds ways to get things done. He continues to compete, participating in adventure races around the country, such as Tough Mudder, Spartan events, CrossFit competitions plus numerous 5K and 10K races.

The following participated and manned the booth: Tim Melberg, Freda H. Hopper, Lynn Humphreys and Miranda Goss.

About the OSDBU

The Office of Small and Disadvantage Business Utilization (OSDBU) holds monthly meetings with the Federal and Prime Contractor Small Business Program Manager (SBPM) around the Department of Energy (DOE). Each month, OSDBU presents a topic of interest. In February, the topic was Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA), which amends the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), 5 U.S.C., 601 et seq, to require federal agencies to establish policies and programs making their regulations more understandable to small businesses. In addition, SBREFA requires the following: (1) judicial review of the Regulatory Flexibility Act; (2) preparation by Federal agencies of “Plain English” compliance guides to assist small entities in their efforts to comply with Federal regulations; (3) an Ombudsman to be established by the Small Business Administration (SBA), who will receive comments and complaints from small businesses concerning their experiences in dealing with Federal regulatory agencies; and (4) Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards, also to be established by the Small Business Administration, to review comments on Federal agency enforcement practices and make recommendations to the SBA Administrator and the head of affected agencies concerning those practices.

The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (SBREFA) requires Federal agencies to make available a compliance guide to small businesses explaining government regulations that impact small businesses, and provide assistance on the implementation of regulations and directives. DOE's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization's Ombudsman serves as a resource for small businesses. Small businesses may contact DOE's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Utilization, or its Ombudsman, to find out how SBREFA applies to specific small business concerns.



Melberg speaks to ETEBA

Tim Melberg was invited to the Energy Technology and Environmental Business Association (ETEBA) meeting to provide a status of the work at ETTP and the opportunities that are coming up. The Feb. 25 meeting was well attended and very successful. Pictured at the meeting are, from left, Tim Griffin, Director ETEBA; Tim Melberg; Freda H. Hopper; and Ron Slottkke.

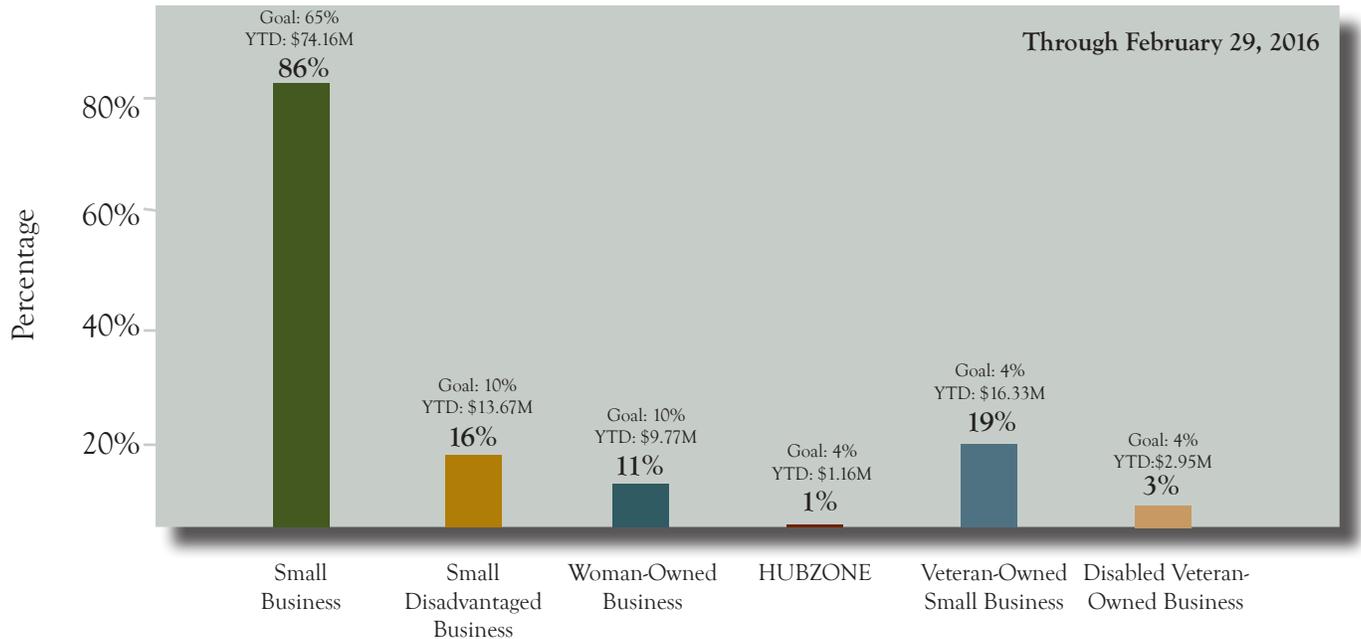
“Breaking barriers”

Freda Hopper participated in the 5th Annual Small Business Forum “Woman Owned Small Businesses, Breaking through the Barriers” on March 17. The forum was held in Nashville at the Tennessee State University Avon Williams Campus. UCOR participated and staffed a booth.



UCOR Small Business Statistics

Summary FY 2016: Percent of Subcontract Dollars Placed with Socioeconomic Firms



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

